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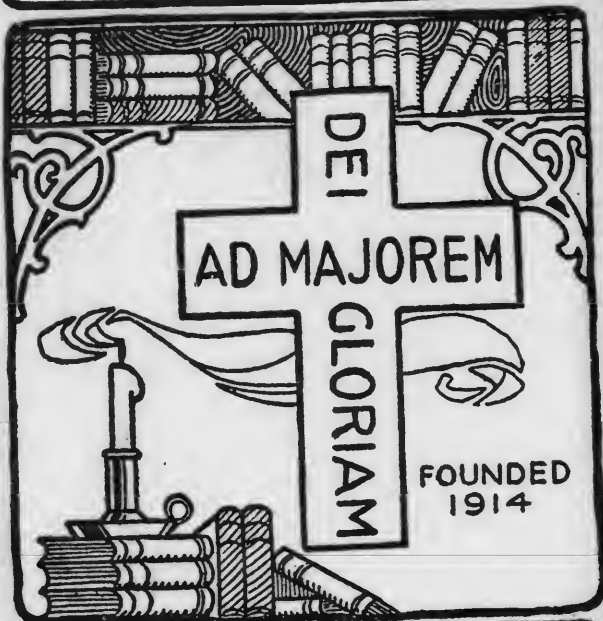
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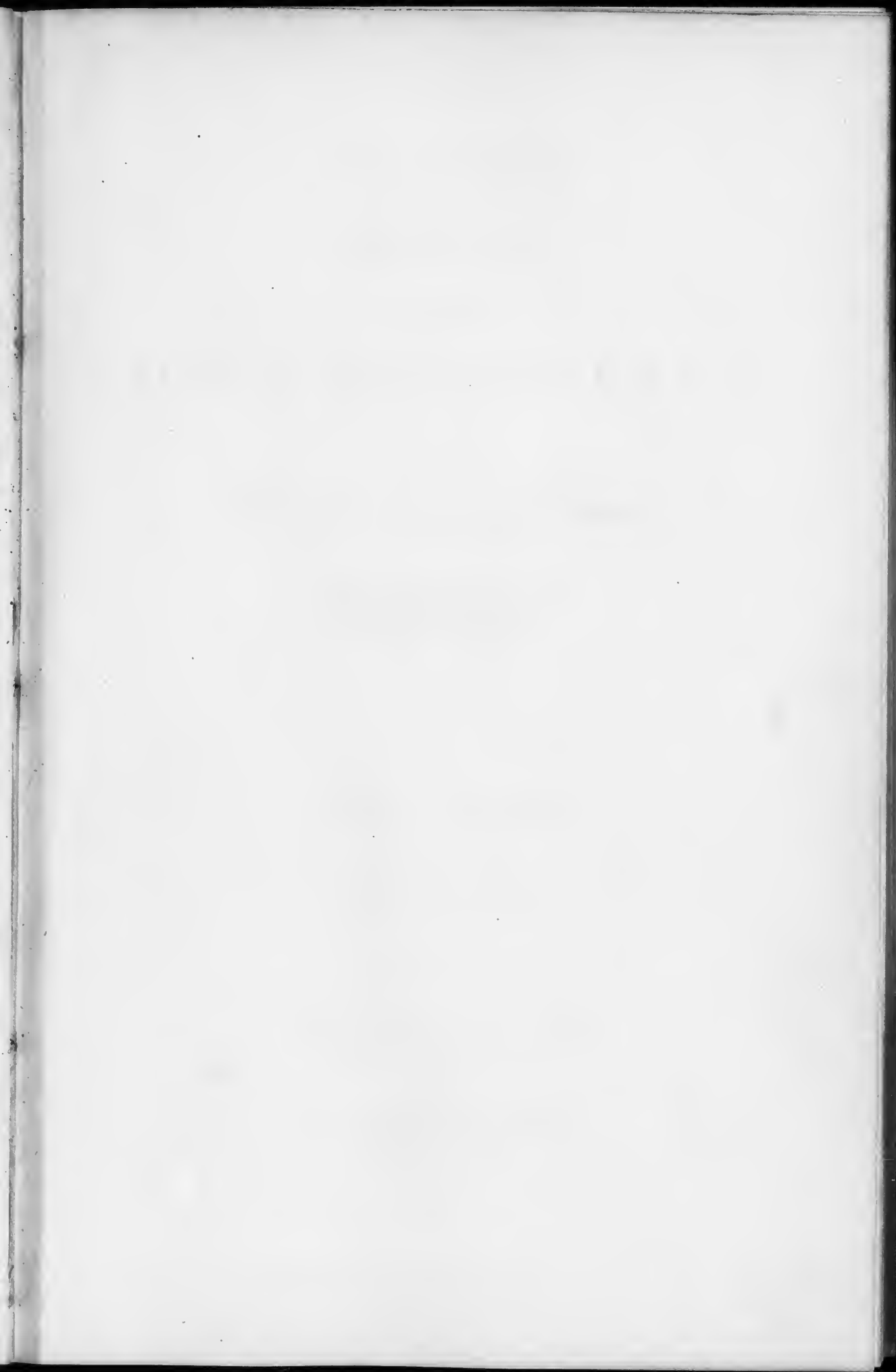
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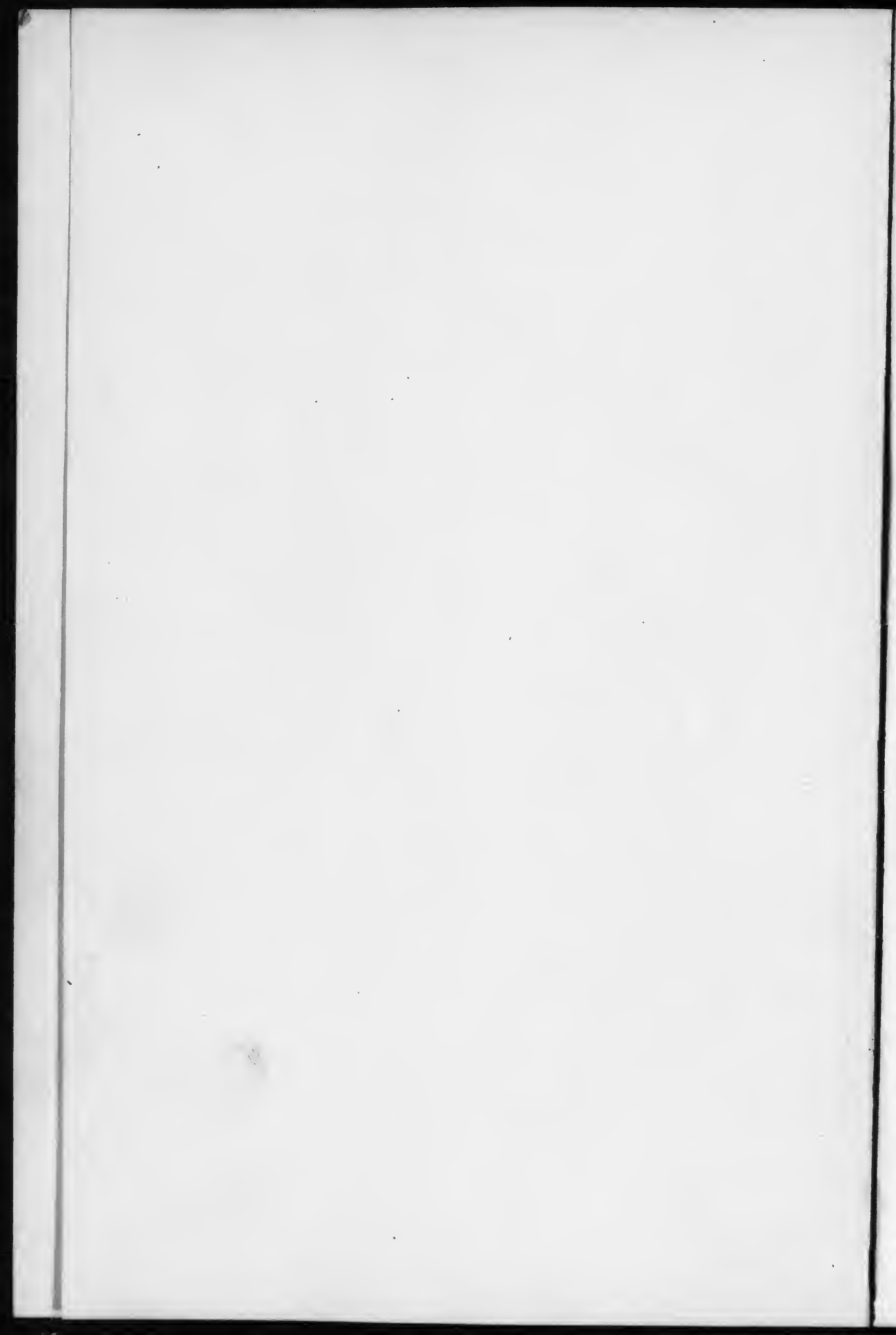
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MINUTES OF FIRST SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

IOWA CITY, IOWA, August 14, 1844.

First Session.—Conference met according to appointment at Iowa City this 14th day of August, A. D. 1844, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Religious Services.—Bishop Morris being present, opened the Conference by reading the 5th chapter of 1st Peter; singing and prayer.

Organization.—The Bishop then presented a list of the names of the members of Conference which he had prepared and which he called on Brother Bartholomew Weed to read, as follows:

List of Original Members.—Henry W. Reed, George B. Bowman, Bartholomew Weed, Jas. G. Whitford, William Simpson, Isaac I. Stewart, Joseph L. Kirkpatrick, Henry Summers, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, Joel Arrington, Andrew Colman, Jesse L. Bennett, Sidney Wood, David Worthington, Isaac Searls, Solomon W. Ingham, Moses F. Shinn.

Attendance.—The before-mentioned brethren appeared and answered to their names as called except Brothers Summers, Bennett, Searls, Ingham, Wood and Arrington.

Secretary.—On motion Henry W. Reed was appointed Secretary.

Bar of the Conference.—The bar was then fixed so as to include the three seats in front of the altar entirely across the house, with the three seats on each side of the altar.

Time of Meeting.—The hours of sessions were fixed so as to meet at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 12 o'clock m.

Committees.—Committee on Worship.—On motion Brothers Weed and Jas. T. Lewis were appointed the committee of arrangements, and to superintend divine service.

Stewards.—On motion, Isaac I. Stewart, David Worthington and Moses Shinn were appointed Conference Stewards.

Committee on Necessitous Cases.—On motion the Conference Stewards were constituted a committee on necessitous cases.

Post-Offices.—On motion, Jas. G. Whitford was appointed a committee on post-offices.

Sabbath Schools—On motion, Andrew Colman was appointed a committee to collect and report of the Sabbath schools within our bounds.

Constitution of Conference Missionary Society.—On motion Brothers Geo. B. Bowman and B. Weed were appointed a committee to draft a constitution for an Iowa Conference missionary society.

Committee of Examination.—The Bishop then announced the following committee for the examination of graduates for 1844, viz.: First year, Isaac I. Stewart and Jas. G. Whitford; second year, H. W. Reed, Wm. Simpson; third year, Henry Summers, Andrew Colman; fourth year, B. Weed, Geo. B. Bowman.

First Question.—The first question on the minutes was then taken up, viz.: Who are admitted on trial?

Dubuque District was called, the P. E. not being prepared to report. Burlington District was called, when Bro. Weed presented a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of Bloomington station for E. S. Norris and Robert H. Harrison, who, after statements made by the P. E., were received on trial. Martin S. Robberts was also recommended, and after remarks from his P. E. and several others was received. Joseph Steinhauer was recommended from the Crawfordsville circuit as a suitable person to travel and preach among the Germans in the Methodist Episcopal church. On motion his case was laid over for the present.

Adjournment.—No other Presiding Elder being present to report further on this question, the Bishop suggested the propriety of adjourning, so as to give the committee of examination opportunity to attend to the duties of examination. Conference accordingly on motion adjourned by prayer by Bro. Jas. L. Thompson.

Second Day

IOWA CITY, IOWA, August 15, 1844.

Religious Services.—Conference met according to adjournment and was opened by reading the Scripture, singing, and prayer by Bro. Clark.

Roll Call.—The roll was then called and the journal read and corrected.

Second Question.—The Conference then took up the second question of the minutes, viz.: Who remain on trial? The names of Danforth B. Nichols and Joel Taylor, and after reports from the committee of examination and remarks from the representatives and others as to their gifts, usefulness, etc., they were continued on trial another year.

Report of Western Book Concern. — The Bishop then gave leave for Bro. Mitchell, Book Agent from Cincinnati, to present report from that concern, including the state of finances and the amount of sales.

Second Question.—The second question being resumed, Joseph Maxon, Laban Case, Micajah Reeder, Luther McVay, and John Walker were severally considered and continued.

Steward's Call.—The stewards were then allowed to make their call on the Conference.

Second Question.—The second question being again resumed Joseph T. Lewis, Robert Rice, William Hulburt and Allen Johnson were considered and continued on trial.

Memorial on Education.—The president then presented a communication on the subject of education, addressed to the Conference, which was read. Whereupon, it was resolved that we have a committee on education to consist of three, one from each district.

Committee on Education. — David Worthington, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick and Jas. G. Whitford were appointed said committee, to whom all papers on the subject are referred.

MEMORIAL FROM TRUSTEES OF MT. PLEASANT
INSTITUTE.

TO THE BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE AT IOWA
CITY:

Dear Brethren: Through the Rev. A. J. Huestis we beg to lay before you a subject in which we doubt not you will feel a deep interest. The importance of a well-established system of education in an infant community like ours, we will not, in this communication, attempt to argue before you. Indeed we doubt greatly whether any portion of our citizens do, or can feel a greater interest in it than yourselves.

Our object in this communication is to solicit your attention to an institution of learning now in progress in this place. Believing as we do that it will be your disposition to hold some relation as a body to it, and that by so doing its permanency and usefulness will be advanced, and the cause of education in our territory greatly benefitted, we propose that your body hold to it a relation of patronage.

The progress of the buildings, the great advantages of this place for a location, and various other considerations connected with the undertaking, will, by your permission, be laid before you. The Rev. A. J. Huestis is fully authorized to enter into arrangements in our behalf; and we trust confidently that he, and our late pastor, I. I. Stewart, and other persons in attendance, who may know the advantages of this place as a location for an institution of learning, will be able to present it before you in such a manner as will secure your prompt and hearty concurrence in our proposals.

Your brethren and most obedient,

N. LATHROP,
WM. THOMPSON,
JOHN P. GRANTHAM,
P. C. TIFFANY,
W. J. COALTER,

Trustees.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Missionary Committee.—It was moved and seconded that we constitute a missionary committee for the Conference. Whereupon the Presiding Elders were appointed said committee.

Readmission.—The question for readmission was taken up, when Bro. Summers presented a recommendation from the Pittsburg circuit in favor of Bro. Samuel Clark, who was readmitted.

Admission on Trial.—The case of Joseph Steinhauser was then called up and he was received on trial.

Notices were then given and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Simpson.

Third Day

IOWA CITY, IOWA, August 16, 1844.

Religious Services.—Conference met and was opened by reading Scriptures, singing, and prayer by Bro. Andrew Colman.

Roll Call; Minutes Read.—The roll being called and journal read and corrected.

Third Question.—Conference then took up the question, Who are admitted into full connection? when Joshua B. Hardy, Uriah Ferree and John Haydon appeared and were duly examined by the Bishop before the Conference, the Bishop advising them especially on the subject of speaking too long or too loud, and on the duty we owe to the rising generation.

Admissions.—After examination they were received into full connection, and Bros. Hardy and Haydon were elected to deacon's orders. Bro. Ferree had been ordained a deacon before.

Discontinued.—The case of Richard Greenle was taken up and he was discontinued on account of ill health. Robert Hawk was also discontinued.

Fourth Question.—The fourth question was then taken up, viz.: Who are the Deacons? when Isaac Searls, Sol. W. Ingham and Moses F. Shinn were considered and passed.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was then taken up, viz.: Who are elected to Elder's orders? The name of Bro. Sidney Wood, but he not being present his case was laid over for the present. David Worthington's case was examined and he was elected to Elder's orders.

Examination of Effective Elders.—The examination of the character of elders was then taken up, when Henry W. Reed, Geo. B. Bowman, B. Weed, Jas. G. Whitford, Wm. Simpson, I. I. Stewart, Jos. L. Kirkpatrick, Henry Summers and Thos. M. Kirkpatrick were examined and passed.

J. Arrington Superannuated.—Joel Arrington was represented by his Presiding Elder as being afflicted and requested a superannuated relation, which was not granted.

M. Jamison Readmitted.—Bro. Summers then presented from the quarterly conference of the Pittsburg circuit a recommendation for the readmission of Milton Jamison to the traveling connection, which was granted.

First Question; Admissions.—Conference then took up the first question, when Hugh Gibson of the Pleasant Valley circuit, and Eldridge Howard of the Marion circuit, were recommended and received on trial.

Bro. Summers presented Wm. W. Knight and Jas. F. New from the Des Moines mission, who were admitted on trial.

Constitution of Conference Missionary Society Adopted.—The committee to form a constitution for a missionary society for the Conference, reported one which on motion was adopted.

Notices being given Conference adjourned; prayer by Bro. Joseph L. Kirkpatrick.

Fourth Day

IOWA CITY, IOWA, August 17, 1844.

Religious Services.—Conference met and was opened by Bro. Thos. M. Kirkpatrick with the usual religious services. The roll was called, journal read and corrected.

Elder's Orders.—Bro. Sidney Wood being now present, his case was taken up. The committee and his representative being heard in his behalf, his character passed and he was elected to Elder's orders.

Reconsidered.—Bro. Simpson, having voted with the majority in the case of Bro. Arrington, moved a reconsideration of that vote, when on motion his request for a superannuated relation was now granted.

Steward's Report Adopted.—The Stewards obtained leave and presented their report, which on motion was adopted.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Question 14—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? Answer: \$2,945.34.

Question 15—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? Book Concern, \$1,000.00; fifth collection, \$12.00; total, \$1012.00.

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Bishop Soule	\$ 8 33	D. B. Nichols.....	\$ 6 89
Bishop Hedding	8 33	W. Simpson	32 09
Bishop Andrew	9 97	W. Ferree	2 76
Bishop Waugh	8 33	M. Reeder	83 90
Bishop Morris	8 33	J. T. Lewis	9 39
Bishop Hamline	8 33	L. McVay	80 29
Bishop Janes	9 76	J. L. Kirkpatrick.....	92 00

Widow Roberts.....	2 56	R. Rice	15 83
H. W. Reed.....	54 05	W. Hulburt.....	35 00
J. Walker	60 29	A. W. Johnson	22 25
R. Greenly	28 00	J. B. Hardy.....	2 70
J. Hayden	90 65	T. M. Kirkpatrick.....	73 67
J. Maxon.....	33 87	J. Arrington	49 07
S. W. Ingham	43 24	M. F. Shinn	20 95
I. Searles	59 00	Incidental Expenses.....	4 57
S. Wood	45 00		
		Total.....	\$1012 00

Missionary collection for 1844, \$118.34.

Report on Home Missions.—The missionary committee presented their report, approved by the Bishop, which was on motion adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Mission Committee met at the Bishop's room, Friday, Aug. 16, 1844. Present, Bishop Morris, president; Bartholomew Weed, Henry Summers and Henry W. Reed.

The following places were, on motion, constituted missions, and the following appropriations made:

English River.....	\$75.00
Clear Creek.....	75.00
Superintendent	50.00
	\$200.00
Delaware Mission.....	\$40.00
Cedar Rapids.....	50.00
Charleston	50.00
Superintendent	60.00
	\$200.00
Bloomfield	\$75.00
Eddyville.....	25.00
Des Moines	50.00
Superintendent	50.00
	\$200.00
Total	\$600.00

HENRY W. REED, Secretary.

I concur in the above estimates.

THOS. A. MORRIS.

Local Orders.—The question of local preachers recommended for Deacon's orders was taken up, when H. W. Reed presented a recommendation from the Pleasant Valley circuit for Jacob Mahan, who was elected to Deacon's orders.

Bro. Weed presented one from Mt. Pleasant circuit for Mif-

flin S. Frame; one from Bloomington station for Geo. Bomgardner, and one from Iowa City for Anson Hart, all of whom were elected. He also presented one from Crawfordsville circuit for Nathaniel Prime, but queries being started as to his having been licensed four successive years, after considerable discussion it was moved to entertain the recommendation, which was carried and he was elected to orders.

Bro. Summers presented from Farmington circuit the case of Joseph Welsh, who was elected.

Election of Local Elders.—A call was then made for recommendation of local Deacons for Elder's orders. Bro. Weed presented the recommendation of Thos. Odell of the Iowa City circuit, who was examined by the Bishop before the Conference, when he was elected.

G. W. Teas' Credentials.—Bro. Weed presented a certificate of the restoration to the church and the license to preach of Geo. W. Teas, and a recommendation of the restoration of his credentials, which after some discussion was not granted.

Statistics.—A call was now made for the number in societies, local preachers and amount of money collected for missions, as follows:

	No. in Society.		Local	Miss.
	White.	Colored.	Preachers	Money.
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.				
Dubuque Station.....	208	4	--	\$57 50
Dubuque Circuit	170	--	4	17 30
Bellview	172	--	3	-----
Charleston.....	45	--	--	-----
Pleasant Valley.....	211	--	2	-----
Davenport	98	--	1	-----
Cedar	166	--	2	-----
Marion.....	334	1	2	14 00
Turkey River	55	--	2	-----
Cedar Rapids.....	63	1	--	8 70
	1522	6	16	\$97 50
BURLINGTON DISTRICT—				
Burlington Station.....	181	--	--	\$ 4 25
Fort Madison.....	76	--	2	-----
West Point.....	234	--	3	-----
New London.....	331	--	2	7 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	266	5	5	5 50
Crawfordsville.....	251	--	4	3 50
Iowa City.....	324	--	5	-----

Bloomington	156	1	1	-----
Grandview	233	--	1	-----
Yellow Springs	291	--	1	-----
	<u>2343</u>	6	<u>24</u>	<u>\$20 75</u>
DES MOINES DISTRICT.				
Farmington		--	3	-----
Pittsburgh	297	--	4	-----
Soap Creek	111	--	1	-----
Mutchikinock	83	--	1	-----
Clear Creek	94	--	--	-----
Des Moines	224	--	2	-----
Fairfield	285	--	5	-----
Birmingham	472	--	5	-----
	<u>1566</u>	--	<u>21</u>	<u>-----</u>
RECAPITULATION.				
Burlington District	2343	6	24	\$20 75
Dubuque District	1522	6	16	97 50
Des Moines District	1566	--	21	-----
	<u>5431</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>\$118 25</u>

Total whites 5431, colored 12, local preachers 61;
grand total 5504.

Place of Next Session.— This call being finished Conference proceeded to fix the place for holding the next session of Conference, when by a rising vote it was fixed at Burlington. The Bishop then gave the time, August 13, 1845.

Preservation of Records.—It was then on motion resolved that the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to keep the records of the Conference in their present form till he can procure a suitable book and then journalize them.

Missionary Subscriptions.—It was moved that we call the roll and take subscriptions to the Conference missionary society, which was accordingly done.

Election of Officers of Conference Missionary Society.—Conference then adopted the constitution presented by the committee appointed to draft it and on motion proceeded to elect the officers of the society.

Report on Sunday Schools.—Conference business was again on. Motion taken up, when Andrew Colman, committee on Sunday Schools, presented his report, which was on motion adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

	Sabbath Schools	Superin- tendents	Teachers	Scholars	Expenses	Vol. in Library
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.						
Dubuque Station					\$	
Dubuque Circuit						
Bellevue	3	3	12	71		175
Charleston	1	1		36		
Pleasant Valley	1	3	12	45	6 17	125
Davenport						
Cedar						
Marion	4	4	21	105	6 18	60
Turkey River						
Cedar Rapids						
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.						
Burlington Station	1	1	12	85	15 00	200
Ft. Madison	2	2	13	72	8 70	40
West Point	2	2	11	100		100
New London	2	2	8	61	8 50	40
Mt. Pleasant	1	1	6	60	6 00	80
Crawfordsville						
Iowa City	1	1	10	60		50
Bloomington	1	2	12	80	12 00	300
Grandview						
Yellow Springs	1	2	4	36	10 00	
DES MOINES DISTRICT.						
Farmington						
Pittsburgh	1	1	4	35		
Soap Creek						
Mutchikinoc						
Cedar Creek						
Des Moines	3	3	9	65		
Fairfield						
Birmingham	3	3	15	100	21 50	170
Total in Conference	27	31	151	1011	\$ 94 05	1340

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW COLMAN.

Proposed Change of 6th Restrictive Rule.—The Bishop then presented a report from the Secretary of General Conference embracing the resolution for altering the sixth restrictive article in the discipline, which was on motion laid on the table till Monday.

Appointments for Sabbath.—The appointments were then made for the Sabbath.

Report on Education Deferred.—The committee on Education then made their report, which was on motion received and laid on the table until Monday.

Examination Committee for 1845.—The Bishop presented the following as the Committee of Examination for 1845: First year, I. I. Stewart, D. Worthington, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick; second year, Henry W. Reed, Wm. Simpson, Jos. L. Kirkpatrick;

third year, Samuel Clark, A. Colman, Jesse L. Bennett; fourth year, B. Weed, M. Jamison, Geo. B. Bowman.

On motion Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Summers.

Fifth Day

IOWA CITY, IOWA, August 19th, 1844.

Conference met and was opened with the usual services by Bro. Whitford.

Roll Call.—The roll being called, the journal was read and corrected.

Certificate of Ordinations.—The Bishop then presented the names of those ordained on yesterday, as follows:

Deacons: Joshua B. Hardy, John Haydon, Anson Harte, Nathaniel Prime, Joseph Welsh, Luther McVay, George Bomgardner.

Elders: David Worthington, Sidney Woods, Thos. Odell.

Stewards' Report.—Bro. Stewart, Chairman of the Stewards, reported that there was a small sum \$3.31 in their hands after paying all demands, and moved that it be paid into the hands of the Secretary of the Conference to procure a book and trunk for the Conference, which motion prevailed.

Address of Book Agent.—Bro. Mitchel presented his acknowledgment for the promptness with which the preachers had met their accounts and notes to the Book Concern, and addressed the Conference briefly on the interests of the concern, urging the extended circulation of our books and periodicals and the making of collections for periodicals.

Accounts Referred.—A note against I. H. Ruble, deceased, now in the hands of Daniel G. Cartwright, who has left the church, on motion the Presiding Elder of the Burlington District was authorized to get said account and collect the same if practicable.

First Question.—The first question was again taken up when H. W. Reed presented a recommendation from the Turkey River Circuit for Calvin D. Faunworth, who was admitted on trial.

Report on Education Adopted.—Moved that we now take up

the report of the Committee on Education which was done and the report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration—

First, with regard to the Iowa City College: The agent for said institution has traveled a part of the year, and raised subscriptions to the amount of \$200. Also a small school has been kept during a part of the year under the superintendency of Rev. Joseph T. Lewis, which was discontinued for want of funds. In view of the want of funds and the embarrassed state of finances, your committee deem it inexpedient for the Conference in its present infant state to make any extra efforts for the institution at present.

Secondly, the committee had under consideration a communication from Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, located at Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa; which institution asks, through their agent, Rev. A. J. Huestis, the patronage of the Iowa Annual Conference. Said institute offers, on condition that the Conference extend their patronage, to donate the following property, viz.:

20 acres of land, situate one-half mile from the public square in the town of Mt. Pleasant, with a good brick building 28x54 feet, 2 storys high, to be erected thereon, the whole valued at \$5,000, to be completed, free from embarrassment, by the 11th of March, 1846.

In view of the fact that we have previously promised to patronize the Iowa City College, your committee deems it inexpedient, at this early period of our Conference, to adopt another institution of learning.

In the meantime the committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That, as Christian ministers, we will use our best efforts to promote the cause of education within the bounds of our Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WORTHINGTON,
T. M. KIRKPATRICK,
J. G. WHITFORD.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF IOWA CITY COLLEGE.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting the condition of this institution regret that the member of their body on whom the labor was expected to devolve, was unable, in consequence of sickness, to meet with the other members; consequently our report will be short and general.

The trustees have received, at the hand of the Legislature, conditionally and free of cost, one-half block of lots in Iowa City. They have purchased one-quarter block and building, capable of accommodating 150 students, at a cost of \$2,500.

There have been in attendance during the last session between seventy and eighty pupils, a large per cent. of whom are from abroad.

The agents have succeeded, since the first of last April, in raising for college purposes over \$1,600. The agents report that they have met with universal favor with the people, as far as they have had an opportunity of operating.

The trustees petition the exclusive service of an agent from the Conference to operate for the institution over the State of Iowa, and respectfully suggest the name of the present agent, George B. Bowman, and, contingently, I. I. Stewart. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. THOMPSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Change of Sixth Restrictive Rule.—Conference then took up the recommendation of the General Conference relative to the Sixth Restrictive Article, when the following resolution:

1. Resolved, That we concur in the recommendation of the General Conference in the alteration of the 6th Restrictive Article of Discipline.

There were 15 voting by rising vote in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

2. Resolved, That we most ardently and sincerely desire the union of the whole church, and heartily remonstrate against any division of the same.

Which was also carried in the affirmative.

Resolutions.—The following was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Conference failing to take up a conference collection, unless he can give good and sufficient reasons, shall be liable to censure from the Conference.

D. WORTHINGTON,
JAS. G. WHITFORD.

By a rising vote the following was passed:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be and hereby is given to the citizens of Iowa City and vicinity for the kindness and attention bestowed upon the members of this Conference throughout this session.

SAM'L CLARK,
I. I. STEWART.

American Bible Society.—The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, our local situation as a Conference demands vigorous efforts to diffuse the Word of God; therefore

Resolved, That we have unshaken confidence in the principles and plan of operation of the American Bible Society.

2. Resolved, That we will as far as practicable co-operate with the agents of the American Bible Society and use our best efforts to promote the Bible cause within the bounds of our respective charges.

D. WORTHINGTON,
I. I. STEWART.

August 19, 1844.

Agent for Iowa City College.—On motion Jas. L. Thompson was appointed agent for Iowa City College.

Resolution on Transfers.—On motion the following resolution was carried by a rising vote:

Resolved, That having learned that our beloved brethren, Henry Summers, Jas. G. Whitford and Isaac Searls are to be transferred to the Rock River Conference to meet the wants of the work there, we do hereby tender to them our most affectionate regards and hearty prayers for their continued health, prosperity and usefulness.

WM. SIMPSON,
THOS. M. KIRKPATRICK.

Closing Services.—The Bishop then proceeded to close the Conference in the usual way, singing the hymn commencing, "And let our boddies part," etc., and then reading out the appointments for the coming year.

Signed, THOS. A. MORRIS.
HENRY W. REED, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—B. WEED, P. E.

Burlington	Andrew Coleman
Bloomington	E. S. Norris
New London	Uriah Ferree
Pleasant Valley	S. Wood, J. W. Maxon
Mt. Pleasant	W. Simpson
Crawfordsville and English River Miss.	M. Reeder
	M. S. Roberts
Grandview	L. Case
Yellow Spring	J. L. Kirkpatrick
Clear Creek Mission	W. Hulburt
Davenport	J. T. Lewis

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—H. W. REED, P. E.

Dubuque	G. B. Bowman
Dubuque Circuit and Delaware Mission	J. B. Taylor
	W. W. Knight
Marion	J. Hayden, R. H. Harrison
Cedar Rapids Mission	D. B. Nichols
Bellevue	E. Howard, (one to be supplied)
Iowa City	D. Worthington
Charleston Mission	John Walker
Iowa Circuit	L. McVay
Cedar	S. W. Ingham
Turkey River	C. D. Farnsworth

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—MILTON JAMISON, P. E.

Farmington	J. B. Hardy
Fairfield	H. Gibson
Pittsburgh	S. Clark
Birmingham	R. Rice
Bloomfield Mission	J. L. Bennett, J. F. New
Ft. Madison	I. I. Stewart
West Point	M. F. Shinn
Eddyville Mission	A. W. Johnson
Des Moines Mission	T. M. Kirkpatrick

Joseph Steinhauser, transferred to Missouri Conference.

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MINUTES OF SECOND SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, September 3, 1845.

Opening Services.—Bishop Morris being present, opened the Conference by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

Roll Call.—He then called on the former Secretary to call the list of members, whereupon the following brethren appeared and answered to their names: B. Weed, Andrew Colman, Wm. Simpson, Jos. L. Kirkpatrick, Sidney Wood, Henry W. Reed, Geo. B. Bowman, David Worthington, Milton Jamison, Samuel Clarke, Jesse L. Bennet, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, I. I. Stewart, Joshua B. Hardy, Joel Arrington, Solomon W. Ingham, Moses F. Shinn, Uriah Ferree. John Haydon was sick.

Secretary.—On motion Henry W. Reed was appointed Secretary.

Bar of the Conference.—On motion the farther side of the second side windows of the church be designated as the bar of the Conference.

Committee on Worship.—On motion Brothers Weed and Colman were appointed a committee to superintend divine services.

Transfer of L. B. Dennis.—The transfer of Levin B. Dennis from the Arkansas Conference was then presented and read, whereupon he took his seat as a member of this Conference.

Transfer of D. Crawford.—David Crawford presented a certificate of his standing in the Arkansas Conference and his wish on the account of the division to take his place in a northern Conference, when the Bishop stated that he transferred him to this Conference, and he took his seat accordingly.

Stewards.—On motion Bros. Stewart, Worthington and Shinn were appointed Conference Stewards, and on farther motion they were also constituted a committee on necessitous cases.

Time of Meeting.—By motion Conference agreed to meet at 8:00 o'clock a. m. and adjourn at 12 m.

Committees.—On Sabbath Schools: Jesse L. Bennett was appointed committee on Sabbath schools.

Education: Conference ordered by motion a committee of three on education, when it was agreed that the Presiding Elders of each district nominate one from their several districts. Brothers Colman, Bowman and Arrington were nominated and appointed.

General Rule on Drunkenness.—The Bishop presented a circular from the minutes of General Conference bringing before this Conference a recommendation to adopt Mr. Wesley's rule on spirituous liquors. It was on motion laid on the table for action at another time.

L. Swormstedt Introduced.—The Bishop then introduced Bro. Swormstedt to the Conference, who suggested the need of a committee on postoffices, when J. B. Hardy was appointed said committee. Bro. Swormstedt then proceeded to address the Conference on the subject of his agency.

Examination of Effective Elders.—On enquiry, finding the committees on the different classes of graduates not prepared to report, the examination of the characters of Elders was taken up. B. Weed of the Burlington district was called, and after a favorable account of his district, he retired, and remarks in his favor from his preachers, he was passed. Andrew Colman, Wm. Simpson, and Jos. L. Kirkpatrick were called and passed. Sidney Wood's name being called, on motion his case was laid over for the present. H. W. Reed was called, and after an account of Dubuque district, he was passed, as was also Geo. B. Bowman and David Worthington. Milton Jamison of Des Moines district, was called, made his report and was passed, as was Samuel Clark, Jesse L. Bennet, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, I. I. Stewart and David Crawford. Joel Arrington was also passed and rendered effective.

First Question; Admissions.—Conference then took up the first question, viz: Who are admitted on trial? The Presiding Elder of Burlington district presented John Jay and after remarks he was received. H. W. Reed presented from the Dubuque district Elexander Bushnell, who was received. Bro. Jamison presented the case of B. H. Russel, who was also received. Jas. Brier, Geo. Larkins, Alvin Rucker, Jas. D. Templin and Jno. Raynor were presented and received.

After which Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Hardy.

Second Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, September 4, 1845.

Conference opened by reading, singing, and prayer by Bro. S. Clark.

Roll Call, Etc.—Roll call and minutes read and corrected.

Tract Distribution and Committee.—The Bishop presented a circular from several of the Bishops on the subject of Tract Distribution, when a committee of three was ordered on the subject to be appointed by the Chair. The Bishop announced the three Presiding Elders said committee.

Examination of Candidates for Full Connection.—The Bishop then called forward the candidates for Deacons Orders to be examined, when D. B. Nickols, Joel B. Taylor, Joseph W. Maxon, Laban Case, Micajah Reeder, Robt. Rice, Jos. Hulburt, Luther McVay, Allen W. Johnson and Jno. Walker severally appeared and were examined before the Conference.

Admissions.—D. B. Nickols was reported by the Committee of Examination and also by his P. E. and admitted to full connection and elected to Deacons orders; Joel B. Taylor, Joseph W. Maxon and Laban Case were also admitted and elected to orders.

Admission to Full Connection.—Micajah Reeder was admitted and elected but had been elected and ordained before to orders. Robert Rice was admitted and elected. Wm. Hulburt was admitted, but had been ordained before.

L. McVay Discontinued.—Luther McVay's case was called and after some discussion a motion was made to have him continued on trial another year, which was lost. Allen W. Johnson and Jno. Walker were admitted and elected.

Steward's Call.—The Stewards were now allowed to make their call. On motion they were instructed to allow \$50 house rent for B. Weed. On motion the session was protracted, till the call should be finished.

Chartered Fund and Book Concern Dividends.—The Bishop presented the claims of all the Bishops, and dividend of \$40, from Chartered fund and dividend of Book Concern of \$800, which on motion were drawn.

Notices being given Conference adjourned; prayer by Levin B. Dennis.

Third Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, September 5, 1845.

Conference opened with the usual exercises by Bro. Shinn.

Roll Call.—The roll was called, minutes read and corrected.*Committee on Missions.*—The Bishop suggested that the Conference would need a Mission Committee. Bro. Simpson moved and it was carried that the Presiding Elders be committee.*Report on Missions.*—The missionary committee reported as follows, and on motion the report was adopted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee met at the Bishop's room, Sept. 5th, 1845, and submit the following report:

On motion the following appropriations were made:

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.....	\$100.00
Clear Creek Mission.....	50.00
Washington Mission.....	25.00
Wapello Mission.....	50.00
	\$225.00
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT	\$100.00
Pleasant Valley Mission.....	25.00
Cedar Rapids.....	60.00
Salem	50.00
Grandview	25.00
	\$260.00
DUBUQUE DISTRICT	\$100.00
Charleston Mission	50.00
	\$150.00
DES MOINES DISTRICT.....	\$100.00
Oskaloosa Mission.....	75.00
Upper White Breast Mission.....	50.00
Bloomfield	100.00
Raccoon Fork Mission.....	50.00
	\$375.00
Total.....	\$1010.00

HENRY W. REED, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations. THOS. A. MORRIS.

Certificate of Ordinations.—The Bishop presented the following names of those ordained on yesterday:

Deacons: Danforth B. Nickols, Joel B. Taylor, Joseph W. Maxon, Laban Case, Robt. Rice, Allen W. Johnson, Jno. Walker, Jas. D. Templin, Alexander Bashnell, Mifflin S. Frame,

Thos. L. Doughty of Rock River Conference, Jno. D. Walker from Ohio Conference.

Elders: Moses F. Shinn was ordained an elder.

Book Agent's Report.—Bro. Swormstedt then made his final report including the state of business with this Conference. On motion the note against Wm. H. Bolander was placed in the hands of the P. E. who may have charge of the district in which he may reside with instruction to collect the same as soon as possible. On motion the account against the estate of Rev. Wm. H. Ruble, deceased, be placed in the hands of the P. E. of Burlington District for collection. The note against Rev. Wm. Hulburt was presented and the Conference instructed him to pay the same during the year. The note of H. W. Reed was presented and he was to be indulged the present year.

Periodical Subscriptions.—On motion, Resolved, that we will endeavor to raise five new subscriptions to Western Christian Advocate and two to Ladies Repository during the present year from each charge.

Report on Circular from Western Book Concern.—The Committee to whom was referred the circular from Western Book Concern report as follows, which report was adopted:

REPORT ON WESTERN BOOK CONCERN.

The Committee to whom was referred the documents relative to the Western Book Concern, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

1st—That we have implicit confidence in the management of that institution, under the superintendence of its present agents.

2nd—That we deem the continuance of the Cincinnati Branch of the Book Concern a matter of the deepest importance to the prosperity of Methodism in the West and Northwest; and that in view of the anticipated withdrawal of the patronage of the Concern of several of the Southwestern Conferences, it is the duty of the members of this Conference, in connection with their brethren of West and Northwest generally, to exert an influence for the circulation of the periodicals, and sale of books from that Concern, sufficient to meet the exigencies of the event.

3rd--That, in view of the light and demoralizing books that are continually flooding our country, we will, with increased effort, try to spread the hallowing influence of Christianity by the circulation of our own books and periodicals, and thus prevent the injurious influence otherwise inevitable.

4th—That, in accordance with the demand of our Discipline,

as well as the interests of the Book Concern, we will use our utmost influence in the collection of debts due the Concern.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL CLARK,
G. B. BOWMAN,
JOEL ARRINGTON.

Report on Sunday School Cause.—The Committee on the address on the Sunday School Union, reported as follows, which report, after blanks were filled, was on motion adopted. (Report missing.)

Home Colonization Society.—A circular was read from the Home Colonization Society of Delaware, Ohio. A motion was made to appoint a committee to consider the matter and report the same at our next Conference, which was carried, and H. W. Reed and G. B. Bowman were appointed said committee.

History of M. E. Church of Iowa.—On motion the Presiding Elders of the several districts were directed to collect material for the history of the church in this section and report the same at our next Conference.

Publication of Resolutions.—Moved and seconded that the Secretary be directed to send the following preamble and resolution to the Western Christian Advocate for publication and such other matter as may seem proper. (Report missing).

Report on Sunday Schools. — The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows. (Lost from file).

Report on Education.—The Committee on Education presented their report, and on motion Bro. Huestis was granted the privilege of presenting the interests of the Mt. Pleasant Institute to this Conference.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, the growing interests of Iowa demand that the intellectual and moral culture of its increasing population should be commensurate to its wants, and to secure the high and elevated character we should sustain as christians and citizens of a heaven-blest nation, we feel it our indispensable duty to patronize learning, and especially, (as far as our ministerial duties will permit,) to build up those institutions especially under our patronage.

Resolved, 1st—That in view of our previous actions, we are

morally bound to continue our patronage to the Iowa City College, but not so as to involve pecuniary responsibility. And as the Trustees, in good faith of our continuing to patronize Iowa City College, have commenced operations, by purchasing a building worth \$2,500, and commencing a school, we recommend the appointment of a traveling agent for the purpose of procuring funds, collecting a library and apparatus for the institution; and do also recommend Rev. J. L. Thompson for the State of Indiana. And would further recommend the appointment of a Committee to visit Iowa City College, to act in accordance with the Charter and former engagements.

Resolved, 2nd—That we highly appreciate the liberal offer of the Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute; but in view of our patronage being pledged to Iowa City College, and that the Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute have not, in the opinion of the Committee, presented such documents as would place the institution entirely under the control of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, we deem it inexpedient at this time to extend our patronage to the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW COLEMAN, Chairman of Committee.

During the discussion a motion was made and carried to lay the whole subject of the report on the table till our next session of Conference.

Committee on Education.—The Bishop presented some communications on education which on motion was referred with all other papers on the same subject to the Committee on Education.

Report of Western Book Concern.—Bro. Swormstedt presented to the Conference an exhibit of the state of the Western Book Concern with the amount of sales, (see file), which he accompanied with various remarks, especially as to its liability to be affected by the southern organization and its dependence for support on the N-Western Conference. Circulars were presented also on the subject, which on motion were submitted to a committee consisting of Geo. B. Bowman, S. Clark and J. Arrington.

Second Question.—The Bishop then took up the question: Who remain on trial? The names of E. S. Norris, Martin L. Robberts, Robt. H. Harrison, Hugh Gibson, Eldridge Howard, Wm. W. Knight and Jas. F. New were severally considered and continued on trial.

Discontinued.—Calvin Farnsworth was discontinued.

Fourth Question.—The fourth question was then taken up, viz.: Who are the Deacons? Joshua B. Hardy's name was called and reports favorable being made, he was passed. Jno. Haydon's name was called. His P. E. stated that he could not be here on account of affliction, it was moved that his future P. E. be instructed to examine him at his first quarterly meeting on his course of study and report the same to the next session of this Conference. Levin B. Dennis and Uriah Ferree were considered and passed.

Fifth Question.—Fifth question: Who are elected as Elders? Moses F. Shinn was examined and elected. S. W. Ingham's name was called and after some discussion, it was on motion laid over till tomorrow.

S. Wood's Character Passed.—The case of Sidney Wood was then taken up and after various remarks on his case, Bro. Wood was on motion, called in, when after explanations, he retired and his character was passed.

First Question.—The first question was again taken up when Michael See and Michael H. Hare were received on trial. Joseph Ockerman was re-admitted. Jno. Dennis was presented and on motion his case was for the present laid on the table. Jno. Harris was presented and received. Landon Taylor and A. G. Pierce were recommended on trial.

Assistant Secretary.—On motion Bro. Stewart was appointed assistant Secretary.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Crawford.

Fourth Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, September 6, 1845.

Roll Call, Etc.—Conference was opened with the usual services by Bro. Simpson. Roll was called and minutes read.

C. B. Tippet introduced.—The Bishop introduced to the Conference C. B. Tippet, book agent from New York City, who addressed the Conference briefly by touching specially the Sunday School interests. He presented an exhibit of the concern at New York.

Circular from Sunday School Union.—A circular was presented on the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—On motion a committee of two were appointed as suggested in the circular. B. Weed and T. M. Kirkpatrick were said committee.

Quarterly Review.—On motion of B. Weed it was Resolved, That as a Conference, we pledge ourselves to circulate as far as we can conveniently, the Quarterly Review and if practicable take a copy ourselves. Taken by a rising vote.

S. W. Ingham's Character Passed.—The case of Bro. Ingham was taken up and on motion his character passed.

J. H. Dennis Admitted.—The case of Jno. H. Dennis was then taken up and he was admitted.

Leave of Absence.—The Stewards obtained leave of absence to complete their reports.

Local Orders.—The call was then made for the recommendation of local preachers to deacon's orders, whereupon Jas. D. Templin, Elexander Bushnell, Mifflin S. Frame, Silas Spurlock and Riley S. Hill were elected. Wm. Robberts was presented but not elected.

Steward's Report Adopted.—The Stewards then made their report which was on motion adopted and disbursements made accordingly.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Question 14—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? Answer: \$4,812.59.

Question 15—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? Book Concern, \$800.00; chartered fund, \$40.00; fifth collection, \$78.56; total, \$918.56.

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Bishop Soule	\$ 8 33	M. Reeder	\$ 2 20
Bishop Hedding	8 33	M. S. Roberts	11 00
Bishop Andrew	9 97	J. L. Kirkpatrick	46 60
Bishop Waugh	8 33	E. S. Norris	26 00
Bishop Morris	8 33	Sidney Wood	27 40
Bishop Hamline	8 33	J. W. Maxon	15 00
Bishop Janes	9 76	J. T. Lewis	53 00

Widow Roberts.....	2 56	Laban Case.....	10 00
B. Weed, for rent.....	50 00	E. Howard.....	49 00
John Walker.....	33 43	J. F. New.....	8 40
S. W. Ingham.....	21 17	H. Gibson.....	46 70
Jno. Hayden.....	32 40	R. Rice.....	13 00
R. H. Harrison.....	12 60	M. F. Shinn.....	69 60
D. B. Nichols.....	23 02	J. Arrington.....	118 40
L. McVay.....	56 40	L. B. Dennis.....	72 00
M. Jamison.....	3 00	Necessitous Cases.....	22 50
S. Clark.....	28 80		
J. L. Bennett.....	3 00	Total.....	\$ 918 56
Collected for Missions this year.....		\$167 04.	
Collected for American Bible Society.....		152 00.	

Vote on the Rule of Drunkenness, etc.—The subject of the circulars on the subject of Mr. Wesley's rule on spirituous liquors was taken up, when 28 recorded their vote in the affirmative and none in the negative.

Call for Statistics.—The numbers in Society were called for as well as local preachers, amount of money raised for Missions and Bible Society, which were as follows:

	No. in Society.		Local	Miss.	Bible
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.	White.	Colored.	Preachers	Money.	Society.
Burlington Station.....	136	--	--	\$ 5 43	\$-----
New London.....	307	--	1	-----	-----
Mount Pleasant.....	295	5	5	17 75	-----
Crawfordsville and					
English River Mis.....	282	--	2	3 31	-----
Yellow Springs.....	265	--	1	60	-----
Bloomington.....	156	1	3	-----	30 00
Pleasant Valley.....	180	--	2	5 45	-----
Davenport.....	90	--	--	4 50	-----
Grandview.....	134	6	--	10 68	-----
Clear Creek.....	145	--	--	6 00	-----
Wapello.....	112	--	2	7 44	-----
	2103	12	16	\$62 16	\$30 00
DUBUQUE DISTRICT—					
Dubuque Station.....	221	4	1	23 00	50 00
Dubuque Ct. and Del. M	230	--	6	23 00	-----
Bellview.....	231	--	6	-----	-----
Charleston Mission.....	71		1	-----	-----
Cedar Circuit.....	190	--	2	2 15	10 00
Marion Circuit.....	350	--	2	-----	-----
Cedar Rapids Mission..	81	--	--	-----	-----

Iowa City Station	115	--	2	2 25	.....
Iowa Circuit.....	148	--	1	-----	-----
Turkey River.....	76	--	2	-----	-----
	<u>1603</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>\$50 40</u>	<u>\$60 00</u>
DES MOINES DISTRICT—					
Farmington	240	--	3	3 16	-----
Pittsburgh	218	--	4	5 00	-----
Bloomfield Mission.....	263	--	2	4 55	-----
Eddyville Mission.....	---	---	---	-----	-----
Des Moines Mission.....	472	--	3	-----	14 00
Fairfield	437	--	8	5 00	8 00
Birmingham.....	680	--	8	19 00	40 00
Fort Madison.....	80	--	3	-----	-----
West Point.....	226	--	2	-----	-----
Recapitulation—					
Des Moines District.....	2616	--	33	\$36 71	\$60 20
Burlington District.....	2103	12	16	62 16	30 00
Dubuque District.....	1603	4	23	50 40	60 00
	<u>6322</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>\$149 27</u>	<u>\$152 00</u>
Increase: 943 whites, 4 colored.					

Committee of Examination.—The Bishop gave the following as the Committee of Examination for 1846: First year, I. I. Stewart, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, Moses F. Shinn; second year, H. W. Reed, Wm. Simpson, David Worthington; third year, S. Clark, G. B. Bowman, D. Crawford; fourth year, M. Jamison, J. Arrington, A. Colman.

Report on Tract Cause.—The Committee on the Tract Cause reported as follows, and the resolution embraced was adopted.

REPORT ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee to whom was referred the circular on the Tract Cause beg leave respectfully to report:

That, having taken the subject under consideration, and carefully considered its importance in carrying on the work of evangelizing the world; and considering the duty of the church to use the power of the press as well as that of the living ministry, we agree to offer the following resolutions to this Conference for adoption:

Resolved, 1st—That the enterprise of circulating religious tracts is one which demands the sincere respect and ardent co-operation of all evangelical christians.

Resolved, 2nd. That we view with regret our past inactivity in this cause, and pledge our increased exertions in the future.

Resolved, 3rd—That we rejoice in having our attention called to this subject by means of a circular from our Bishops, suggesting a general plan of operation for the adoption of the several Annual Conferences.

Resolved, 4th—That it shall be the duty of each preacher of the Conference to act in conformity with the plan referred to, and endeavor, by publicly presenting the subject in our congregations, to organize auxiliary Tract Societies wherever practicable.

Resolved, 5th—That the diligence and zeal of several other denominations in connection with this cause should serve as an instructive example to us, and prompt us not to fall behind the spirit of the age, or our own hard earned character for efficiency and devotedness in every branch of our Master's service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. WEED, Chairman.

Sermons at Next Conference.—The following resolution was offered: Resolved, 1st—That this Conference deem it expedient to have a sermon at its next session, on each of the following subjects: The authenticity of the scriptures, on the christian ministry, possibility of total apostacy, and on baptism. 2nd—That, the Bishop be requested to appoint the brethren for the different subjects.

WM. SIMPSON,

J. B. HARDY.

The above resolution was carried except the sermon on apostacy.

Place of Next Session.—The Conference then proceeded to fix the place of their next session. The following places were put in nomination, viz.: Bloomington, Mt. Pleasant, Keosauqua; during the remarks it was moved that Bro. Huestis be permitted to present the claim of Mt. Pleasant. Remarks closed, they proceeded to ballot when Bloomington receiving a majority of the votes was declared to be the place and the Bishop announced the time to be the 2d of September, 1846.

Secret Societies.—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference it is inexpedient for our ministers to connect themselves with Masonic Lodges and similar institutions and that we respectfully request those members of this Conference who are now connected with Masonry to discontinue their attendance on the lodges.

I. I. STEWART,

G. B. BOWMAN.

Committee on Camp-Meetings.—The following on the subject of camp-meetings was adopted: Whereas, we are greatly annoy-

ed at our camp-meetings by the sale of cake, beer, and other articles; therefore, Resolved, That there shall be a Committee on Camp-meetings appointed who shall take into consideration the best course to be taken in this matter and report accordingly.

J. B. Hardy and Thos. M. Kirkpatrick were appointed said committee.

Notices were then given and Conference adjourned with prayer by Joseph L. Kirkpatrick.

Fifth Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, September, 8th, 1845.

Conference was opened by the Bishop with the usual exercises.

Roll Call.—Roll was called, minutes read and corrected.

Transfer of J. L. Kirkpatrick.—On motion Joseph L. Kirkpatrick obtained leave of absence for the balance of the session, and understanding that he was transferred to the Rock River Conference, the Conference, by rising to their feet expressed their kind regard for Bro. Kirkpatrick.

Votes Recorded.—Bros. Jno. Haydon, A. W. Johnson, and Wm. Hulburt recorded their vote in favor of the Bishops' rule on spirituous liquors.

Persons to Preach at Next Conference—The Bishop presented the following brethren to preach on the subjects ordered by Conference; Authenticity of Scripture, I. I. Stewart; Christian Ministry, N. Jamison; Baptism, G. B. Bowman.

Iowa City College.—The reading of the report of the Trustees of the Iowa City College was called for and on motion a visiting committee of five was appointed.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES IOWA CITY COLLEGE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Iowa Conference:

In accordance with an order of the Trustees of Iowa City College we herewith submit the following report of the condition of said institution:

Since the last annual meeting of the Iowa Conference, no school was opened in connection with the College until April last, when a Committee was appointed by the Board of Trustees to confer

with Dr. Reynolds (who was then teaching in the basement of the M. E. Church and whose school was then patronized to some extent by members of the Church), in relation to being employed in the Iowa City College, in connection with some other individual to be associated with him as Professor of Languages. The result was Dr. Reynolds was employed as principal and Rev. D. B. Nichols (upon the recommendation of Rev. D. Worthington, and by and with the advice and consent of the Presiding Elder of the District), as Professor of Languages.

They were to take the proceeds of the school as compensation for their services. The school was opened on the 14th of April, under the foregoing arrangement in the basement of the M. E. Church, which had been tendered by the Trustees of the Church for their College.

The Institution opened under flattering prospects, with some forty students, which increased in a few weeks to upwards of ninety-five. Our friends both at home and abroad manifested a lively interest in the prosperity of the institution, and were sending in students from a distance.

About this time some difference occurred between the professors. The Board of Trustees were appealed to, and a Committee appointed to effect a reconciliation, and to produce harmony of action. This was apparently effected and prosperity seemed still to attend the institution.

About this time some few cases of sickness occurred amongst the students, which was attributed to the dampness of the rooms in which the school was kept. Such were the apprehensions of many of the patrons of the school, as well as of the teachers themselves, that it was feared the institution would sustain serious loss, unless immediately removed to some more suitable rooms.

The Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church proposed to sell their church property, which would afford ample accommodations for the College, and it was the only suitable building that could be obtained upon any terms. The above-mentioned property was purchased by the Trustees of the College for the sum of \$2,500, payable \$500 on demand (to meet pressing claims against the Trustees of said church, now due), the balance in one and two years from the 1st instant. The school was removed to the edifice thus purchased.

It soon became apparent that the breach between the teachers had only been apparently healed, and that they could not act harmoniously together. Professor Nichols resigned his seat in the institution, and the consequence was many of the students left. A meeting of the Board of Trustees was called, and an arrangement made by which the two departments in the College were to be kept entirely separate, and Professor Nichols again undertook the

charge of the classical department. Finding there were only two students remaining who wished to study the languages, and as he was (by the last arrangement,) only to receive the tuition fees of the students in his class, he was, of course, compelled to quit for want of support. From this time the school, under the exclusive control of Dr. Reynolds, was fast dwindling away. The students from abroad had nearly or quite all left the institution, and it became apparent that if Dr. Reynolds remained, Iowa City College must soon give up the ghost. The Board of Trustees met, and appointed a committee to request him to resign. On his refusal to comply with this request the Board expelled him, and immediately employed Hugh Hamilton, A. B., a graduate of Kenyon College, Ohio, a gentleman known and approved of here as a teacher, for the remainder of the term. Professor Hamilton commenced about the 1st inst. with eleven scholars, which have since increased to thirty-six and would undoubtedly be much larger, if the term was not so near its close.

In conclusion we would say that we believe there never was a similar institution commenced with more flattering prospects of success and future usefulness than did Iowa City College last spring; and had we not been unfortunate in the selection of a principal, but had men to conduct the institution such as we ought to have had, and may yet have, we hesitate not to say that the Iowa City College might now be in as prosperous a condition as any similar institution of its age. And we have no doubt that the patronage and influence of your venerable body, together with the efforts of its friends throughout the Territory and elsewhere, excited in its behalf, will yet make Iowa City College all that it was designed to be. And we would now respectfully recommend that an active and efficient agent be appointed and also a Board of Visitors, agreeably to the provisions of the charter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. THOMPSON, } Committee.
ANSON HART, }

IOWA CITY, August 29th, 1845.

Fasting.—On motion the following resolution on preaching on fasting was carried. (Lost from the file.)

Visiting Committee for Mt. Pleasant Institute.—On motion a resolution to have a Committee for Mt. Pleasant Institute was carried and Bros. Coleman and Simpson were appointed said Committee.

Thanks to Citizens.—On motion a resolution of thanks was passed and ordered to be presented to the city papers for publication.

Resolution Respecting B. Weed.—The following resolution on the subject of Bro. Weed leaving was passed and the Secretary directed to furnish him with a copy of the same.

Resolved, That in view of Bro. Weed's leaving this Conference, we return to him our thanks for his untiring labors among us, and that he carries with him our best wishes for his future prosperity in life and death.

SAMUEL CLARK,

M. JAMIESON.

Closing Services.—Conference then adjourned with the Bishop giving out an appropriate hymn, and Bro. Weed addressed the throne of grace, after which the appointments were read out as follows.

Signed,

THOS. A. MORRIS.

H. W. REED, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS**BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—ANDREW COLEMAN, P. E.**

Burlington Station.....	E. S. Norris
New London	D. Crawford, L. Case.
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. Simpson, L. Taylor
Clear Creek Mission.....	W. Hulburt, J. Jay
Washington Mission.....	D. B. Nichols
Wapello	Robert Rice
Yellow Spring	M. See
Ft. Madison.....	Samuel Clark

BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—G. B. BOWMAN, P. E.

Bloomington.....	D. Worthington
Grandview Mission.....	S. Wood
Davenport.....	R. H. Harrison
Pleasant Valley Mission.....	S. W. Ingham
Salem Mission.....	John H. Dennis
Cedar	John Hayden
Iowa City.....	James D. Templin
Iowa Circuit.....	J. W. Brier
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	A. Bushnell

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—H. W. REED, P. E.

Dubuque Station.....	I. I. Stewart
Dubuque Circuit	M. S. Roberts
Turkey River.....	J. W. Maxon
Delaware.....	J. B. Taylor
Bellevue.....	E. Howard
South Fork.....	Geo. Larkins
Charleston Mission.....	Jno. Walker
Lynn Grove.....	A. W. Johnson
Marion	U. Ferree

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—M. JAMISON, P. E.

Farmington and West Point.....	M. F. Shinn, M. H. Hare
Keosauqua.....	Joel Arrington
Pittsburg.....	J. B. Hardy, W. W. Knight
Birmingham.....	L. B. Dennis, J. Harris
Fairfield.....	M. Reeder, A. Rucker

Ottumwa.....B. H. Russel, A. G. Pierce
Oskaloosa Mission.....T. M. Kirkpatrick, James Rayner
Upper White Breast Mission.....J. F. New
Bloomfield Mission.....H. Gibson, One to be supplied
Raccoon Fork Mission Joseph Ockerman

Bartholomew Weed transferred to New Jersey Conference;
Joseph L. Kirpatrick transferred to Rock River Conference;
Joseph T. Lewis transferred to Ohio Conference; Jesse L. Ben-
net transferred to Illinois Conference.

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MINUTES OF THIRD SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

BLOOMINGTON, IOWA, September 2, 1846.

Opening Services.—The third session of the Iowa Annual Conference was held at Bloomington, commencing Sept. 2d, 1846. Bishop Hamline being present, opened the Conference by reading the Scriptures; singing and prayer. He then gave a short address to the Conference on the necessity of mingling prayer in all our business.

Roll Call.—The former Secretary was called on to call the roll and the following brethren appeared and answered to their names. [Roll missing.]

Secretary.—On motion H. W. Reed was appointed Secretary of the Conference.

Received by Transfer.—Alcinus Young, a transfer from Pittsburg Conference, was introduced to the Conference and took his seat.

Introduced.—John S. Mitchell, Book Agent from Cincinnati, was introduced to the Conference.

Stewards. On motion Isaac I. Stewart, Moses F. Shinn and Thomas M. Kirkpatrick were appointed Stewards of the Conference.

Committees.—The following committees were then ordered:

On Memoirs: H. W. Reed, Alcinus Young.

On Education: A. Coleman, I. I. Stewart.

On Sabbath Schools: One member was ordered from each district, viz.: D. B. Nichols, J. Arrington, John Hayden, Joel B. Taylor.

It was also moved that the tract subject be referred to the same committee.

A circular on Sabbath Schools and also one on tracts were presented and referred to the committee on Sabbath Schools.

On Periodicals: A. Young, L. Case.

Postoffices: J. B. Hardy.

Missions: The Presiding Elders.

Divine Service: The Presiding Elders and preacher in charge of this place.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of the house was then fixed at the middle window.

Hours.—Conference fixed the time of session next at 8:00 a. m., and to adjourn at 12 m.

Colonization.—A communication on the subject of Colonization was presented and referred to a committee consisting of Bro. Clark.

Mt. Pleasant Institute.—A paper was presented from Mt. Pleasant Institute which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Second Question.—The second question of the minutes was taken up. Jno. Jay was considered and continued. Alexander Bushnell, B. H. Russell, Jas. Pierce, Geo. Larkins passed and continued. A. Rucker was by his own request discontinued. Jas. D. Templin, Jas. Rayner, Michael See, Jno. H. Dennis, L. Taylor and M. H. Hare were continued on trial.

On motion the case of John Jay was reconsidered and he, after due acknowledgment as to attending a circus and promising to do so no more, was continued.

Fourth Question.—The Deacons were then examined. D. B. Nichols and J. B. Taylor were passed and continued. J. W. Maxon was not present on account of sickness, but his case was passed. Also Bro. Walker, Laban Case, Robert Rice were passed. M. Reeder and Wm. Hulburt were reported of by the Conference on their class and passed.

Examination of Absentees.—A motion was made that the brethren who had not passed examination on this class be examined by their several Presiding Elders. Motion lost.

Examination of Candidates for Full Connection.—The candidates for full connection were called when the following brethren appeared and were examined by the Bishop, viz: E. S. Norris, M. S. Roberts, Robert H. Harrison, Hugh Gibson, Eldridge Howard, Jas. F. New and Wm. W. Knight, who with the exception of Bro. Harrison (whose cases were laid over for the present) were received and elected.

Fifth Question.—Who are elected and ordained elders was

taken up: Wm. Hulburt and M. Reeder were called as eligible from having been ordained local deacons, but not having been examined on the fourth year's studies were not elected. J. B. Hardy, Jno. Hayden, L. B. Dennis and J. Ockerman were passed and elected. J. W. Ingham was not present and not elected.

Examination of Effective Elders.—The examination of elders was taken up: Andrew Coleman gave a description of his work, then retired and his character passed. David Crawford, W. Simpson and S. Clark were passed.

Sabbath School Anniversary.—It was moved and carried that on Friday we have a Sabbath School anniversary. A committee was ordered and on motion, the committee on Divine Services were appointed to arrange for the anniversary.

Drafts.—A motion was made that we draw on the Book Concern for \$600 and upon the Chartered Fund for \$50 according to reports of on portion.

Changes in Committees.—On motion, Bro. Jameson was excused from the Committee on Education, and Bro. Worthington was appointed in his place. On motion Bro. Colman was also excused from the same committee and Bro. Dennis was appointed in his place.

Accounts.—A motion was made by Bro. Simpson that the following be observed in rendering accounts. (Resolution lost from file.)

During the discussion Conference time was out and closed with prayer.

Second Day

MUSCATINE, IOWA, September 3d, 1846.

Conference was opened by Bro. Young with the usual exercises. Conference roll called and minutes read and corrected.

Effective Elders Examined.—The eleventh question was taken up and Bro. Bowman after giving a short account of his work, retired and was passed. D. Worthington and Sydney Wood were passed.

H. W. Reed Superannuated.—H. W. Reed was called; after giving an account of his work, etc., retired and passed and granted a superannuated relation.

I. I. Stewart was passed.

Report of Western Book Concern.—Bro. Mitchell presented an exhibit of the Western Book Concern and circular from the book committee, including the financial condition of the concern. He also gave an explanation of their operation, etc., to the Conference, enforcing the obligation and advantage of collecting on dues.

Effective Elders Examined.—Eleventh question resumed. Bro. Jameson gave an account of his district and passed. Moses F. Shinn was considered and on enquiry we were informed that he had joined the Masonic institution. During his absence the name of Joel Arrington was called and his character passed.

Question Third.—Bro. Harrison in the second year, was called and not received nor elected but continued another year on trial. Wm. W. Knight was received and elected.

Masonry.—Bro. Shinn was called in and on motion Bishop Hamline was requested by a rising vote to give his opinion to the Conference on the subject of ministers becoming Masons or connecting themselves with similar institutions.

M. E. Shinn Passed.—Moses F. Shinn giving satisfaction to the Conference was passed.

Local Orders.—The recommendation for ordination of local preachers to deacons' orders was called for, whereupon Landon Taylor was elected. James W. Brier was presented but his recommendation being deficient was not elected. Dubuque District: S. H. Greenup, Ancil Wright, and Wm. Roberts were elected.

G. W. Teas' Parchments Restored.—A recommendation was received for the restoration of the credentials of Geo. W. Teas, which was granted.

Stewards' Call.—The Stewards prepared for the call, whereupon the following resolution was adopted, after a resolution expressing by rising vote the members who could report their total receipts. (Resolution lost from file.)

The Stewards then proceeded with their call. During the call the session was protracted till the call was finished.

Assistant Secretary.—On motion Landon Taylor was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Appeal.—On motion a committee on an appeal from a local

preacher from the Dubuque district was presented and referred to a committee of Bros. Simpson, J. B. Taylor and J. Clark.

Conference adjourned with the doxology and the benediction.

Third Day

MUSCATINE, IOWA, September 4th, 1846.

Roll Call.—Conference met and was opened by the usual exercises by Bro. Coleman. Roll was called, minutes read and corrected.

S. W. Ingham Located.—The case of Bro. Ingham was taken up and the motion made that he be located at his own request. Granted.

Local Orders.—The election of local preachers was called up. Jno. Harris, Calvin Coats, Henry Hayden, Elisha D. Chew, Moses Warren and Fred F. Lyon were elected. Newton Smith was recommended but not elected.

Elders.—Call was made for the election to elders' orders, when a certificate of Nelson Rathbone of Lynn circuit was presented, but not answering the requirements of the discipline as to the certificate, on motion the Presiding Elder was granted leave to withdraw the recommendation. Ezra Rathburn, from the Des Moines district, was presented and elected.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards commenced their report. A motion was made to lay it on the table for the present; lost. A motion was made to have the report read in detail; carried. After the report was read a motion was made to refer the report back to the same committee, with instructions to make out their report according to the discipline; motion lost. The report was then adopted as follows:

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Question 14—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? Not answered.

Question 15—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? Book Concern, \$600.00; chartered fund, \$50.00; fifth collection, \$37.55; surplus last year, \$3.30; total, \$690.85.

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Bishop Hedding	\$14 13	M. F. Shinn	\$12 56
Bishop Waugh	14 13	M. H. Hare	37 68
Bishop Morris	14 13	J. Arrington	50 88
Bishop Hamline	14 13	J. Harris	8 45
Bishop Janes	16 57	M. Reeder	66 77
Mrs. Roberts	4 35	A. Rucker	25 92
L. Taylor	4 80	T. M. Kirkpatrick	7 30
W. Hulburt	36 48	J. Rainer	2 00
J. Jay	22 08	J. F. New	11 20
R. Rice	15 84	H. Gibson	12 77
M. See	16 50	J. Ockerman	39 46
Sidney Wood	6 43	B. H. Russell	56 45
S. N. Ingham	26 69	A. G. Pierce	55 39
E. Howard	10 75		
A. W. Johnson	32 68	Total	\$ 687 94
U. Ferree	57 61		

Claims.—Bro. Mitchell then made some remarks on the collection of claims via the Stewards.

Sunday School Report.—The committee on Sabbath schools then made their report as follows, and on motion it was adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church, having taken the subject into prayerful consideration and reflecting on its very great importance and interests to the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the happy influence of a well-conducted Sabbath School upon the morals of the young and rising generation; and that through them our civil and religious institutions are deeply affected, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, First—As ministers of the Lord Jesus, whose whole work it is to spread Scriptural holiness over the land, that we view the Sabbath school cause as a most powerful and efficient auxiliary in the great object of the Christian ministry.

Resolved, Second—That we deeply regret our past remissness in this most important work; and that in the future we do resolve to double our exertions to fulfill the requirements of our discipline upon this subject. Whereas, there is a vast field open for benevolent exertions in the establishment and aid of Sunday schools in various destitute portions of our country; and whereas, the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church is an institution well adapted to the accomplishment of the important object; therefore,

Resolved, Third—That we will take up collections in all our

appointments during months of December or January in behalf of the said Sunday School Union.

Resolved, Fourth—That in view of the claims of the Sunday School Advocate upon our patronage we will use our best endeavors to secure for it our full proportion of at least 100,000 subscribers.

Resolved, Fifth—That the monies collected, provided for in the third resolution, shall be paid into the hands of the Presiding Elders, and be by them forwarded to the treasurer of the parent society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Tract Report.—The report on the tract cause was also read and adopted. (Lost from file.)

Report on Education.—The Committee on Education read their report, during which a resolution was adopted to read the report of the finances, as also a report from the visiting committee. On motion was laid on the table.

Place of Next Session.—The question of fixing the seat of our next session of Conference was taken up, and after remarks the following places were put in nomination: Ft. Madison, Mt. Pleasant and Dubuque. Mt. Pleasant having a plurality of votes on motion it was granted and made the seat of our Conference to be held September 1st, 1847.

Located.—On motion a location was granted to Bro. S. Wood at his own request.

First Question.—The first question was taken up, viz.: Who are admitted on trial? Edward W. Twinning was recommended. Jesse Hill, S. H. Greenup, G. H. Jemison and R. Swearingen were received.

Colonization Report.—Bro. Clark presented a report and resolution on Colonization and adopted: Resolved, that the report of the Rock River Conference on the subject of colonization be adopted. He further reported resolutions which were adopted.

REPORT ON COLONIZATION.

To the Bishop and Members of the Iowa Conference to be held at Bloomington in the Territory of Iowa:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—The undersigned, agent of the America Colonization Society for Indiana and Wisconsin, and a member of the Rock River Conference, believing that the colonization cause is not only closely identified with the interests and

operations of our church in Africa, but well calculated to subserve its interests in this country, would very respectfully present it to your consideration, as a scheme of benevolence altogether worthy of the favorable notice and patronage of our annual conferences.

The Rock River Conference, at its late session in Galena, Ills., had the subject under consideration; and after due deliberation adopted thereon the following report and resolution, by a unanimous vote, which is here presented as the best view of the subject I could give you.

"Report of the Rock River Conference.—The committee on the cause of African Colonization have had this subject under consideration, and ask leave thereon to submit the following report:

"The cause of African Colonization, contemplating, as it does, the amelioration of the condition of the colored people of our own country, the christianizing and salvation of Africa, and a final suppression of the slave trade, has, in various forms, from the organization of the American Colonization Society to the present time been recognized and approved by the General Conference of our church, several of the Annual Conferences, and in a special manner, by the missionary society; which has made Liberia, from its first settlement to the present time, the choice field of its evangelical and benevolent labors.

"Your committee are of opinion that when we consider the relation that we, as a church, sustain to the republic of Liberia, having an entire annual conference within its limits, and the great prospects of future usefulness, in sending the gospel to the one hundred and fifty millions of heathen to be approached from the ground we now occupy in that country; and from the further consideration of the position that the M. E. church sustains to the subject of slavery, and the condition of the people of color in general; and the measures to be employed for the amelioration of the condition of the whole African race, there is no scheme which is better calculated to represent and carry out the feelings and views of our people on the subjects here involved than that which is contemplated in the designs and plans of the American Colonization Society. Your committee are not disposed to protract remarks on this very interesting and important subject, but would recommend for the adoption of the Conference, the following resolutions:

"Resolved, First—That in the judgment of this Conference, the scheme of African colonization, as set forth in the plans of the American Colonization Society, as a means of ameliorating the condition of the unfortunate and oppressed African race, both in this country and elsewhere, is infinitely superior to any other which has been presented to the public on this subject; and, as such, is hereby recommended to the favorable consideration of our people, and the public at large.

"Resolved, Second—That until something better is presented, we shall use our exertions and influence to disseminate correct information on the subject, by the circulation of approved publications, and in all suitable ways promote the cause of colonization.

W. Bacheller, Chairman."

A resolution was also adopted, approving of "The Colonizationist," published at Indianapolis, Ind., by the undersigned.

Should the Conference take any action on the subject, a copy of its proceedings is respectfully requested.

Very Respectfully,

PLATTVILLE, WIS., August 24, 1846.

B. F. KAVANAUGH,

Home Colonization.—The Committee appointed last year on Home Colonization were on motion excused from the further consideration of the subject.

Local Orders.—The question of election to elders' orders was taken up and Thos. A. Prather was elected.

Appeal.—The report from the case of James McGee's appeal was taken up and on motion it was referred back for a new trial.

Historical Reports.—An enquiry was made for the reports of the Presiding Elders as to the history of the church within our bounds as by resolution of last Conference. None were prepared to report except Bro. Bowman in part.

Resolutions.—Resolved, that the Presiding Elders of each district be required to prepare during the present year the report contemplated in the resolution of last year and report the same at our next Conference.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the members of the Conference to supply the Stewards of the same at its future sessions with a certificate signed by the Recording Steward of the circuit or station in which they shall have labored specifying the amount of allowances for traveling expenses, house rent, table expenses and claim for quarterage with the amount which has been paid on each of the above claims.

Moses F. Shinn,
E. S. Norris.

The following resolution was here introduced: That the Secretary have the above resolutions forwarded for publication with all similar reports.

Conference adjourned by pronouncing the benediction.

Fourth Day

MUSCATINE, IOWA, September 5th, 1846.

Conference opened with the usual exercises by L. B. Dennis. Roll called, minutes read and corrected.

Local Elders.—On the recommendation of the Elders there was presented by the Bishop a German brother, Jno. J. Huebner, from the German Quarterly Conference of Quincy, Ills. His recommendation was read and he was elected.

L. S. Jacoby.—A letter was read giving a report from Bro. Jacoby of the state of the work among the Germans within the bounds of Conference.

LETTER FROM REV. L. S. JACOBY, RESPECTING MISSIONS IN QUINCY GERMAN DISTRICT.

QUINCY, September 1st, 1846.

To the President and Members of the Iowa Annual Conference in Session at Bloomington.

Dear Brethren:—I believe it is my duty to give you a report of the German Missions of my District, which lie in the bounds of your Conference.

1. Dubuque Mission is now in existence for about two years; but there has been done very little; and the principal reason was, because the missionary had to visit Galena and the neighborhood, and often in the winter, when the work commenced, he had to be absent again for some weeks, because he was hindered to return in reason of the ice of the river. We hope, however, that, if the Bishop should find it suitable, there will be missionaries enough to attend to this mission better than ever before.

2. Bloomington Mission has been commenced since New Year. The Lord blessed the labors of our missionary; he has about eighteen members and a church built about 9 miles from Bloomington. It is a very large field of labor, for many Germans are scattered around in the neighborhood of Bloomington, Iowa City and Davenport.

3. Iowa Mission situated in Keokuk, Washington and Jefferson counties. This mission has been commenced two years ago, and is in a flourishing condition. We had a campmeeting there this summer,—the first German campmeeting in Iowa, and the Lord blessed us in a powerful way.

4. Burlington Mission.—This is the only place where we could not get a start; The principal difficulty is, we have no suitable place of worship; but I hope the Lord will break the ice, and bring sinners to repentance and faith. It is, as you all know, one of

the principal places in Iowa; and we should persevere, until the Lord opens us a door.

5. Palmyra Mission.—The neighborhood of Farmington belongs to this mission. The Lord has blessed the work there, and two small classes have been commenced. We had one protracted meeting in July; the fruit of it was about eleven conversions, amongst them two Catholics.

Now, my brethren, we recommend this part of God's vineyard to your especial patronage. You travel amongst the Germans; you could encourage them to come to hear us; you could assist our missionaries in their many difficulties and trials; and especially send your fervent prayers for us to heaven. But I have to lay one thing more before you. Since last year a German publishing fund has been commenced to be raised. Certainly you have experienced the worth of our publications, and you would not wish to be without them. Now only remember the Germans; as well preachers as members are without them. Will you not help us in collecting funds for that great and worthy enterprise, to have our publications translated and printed? Certainly you will.

May the blessing of the Lord be with you is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

LUDWIG S. JACOBY,
Presiding Elder of German Quincy District.

H. W. Reed Made Effective.—The case of H. W. Reed was called up and the motion by which he was superannuated reversed and he was made effective.

Stewards' Disbursements.—The Stewards then made the disbursements.

Collection.—A motion was made to take up a collection to pay for printing petitions upon the subject of camp-meetings.

Report on Missions.—The Mission Committee made their report which was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following as their report:

The following places they consider as proper for missionary work, and appropriate the following amounts for their support:

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.....	\$150.00
Clear Creek	100.00
Washington	50.00
Crawfordsville	50.00
	\$350.00

BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT	\$150.00
Grandview	50.00
Pleasant Valley	75.00
Cedar River	60.00
Fairport	50.00
Bear Creek	75.00
	\$460.00
DUBUQUE DISTRICT	\$150.00
Delaware	75.00
Turkey River	75.00
Charleston	75.00
	\$375.00
DES MOINES DISTRICT	\$150.00
Bloomfield	100.00
White Breast	100.00
Raccoon Fork	100.00
Locust Grove	32.00
Oskaloosa	100.00
Big Creek	50.00
	\$632.00
Total	\$1817.00
H. W. REED, Secretary.	
I concur in the above appropriations.	L. L. HAMLINE.

First Question.—The first question was taken up and Asbury Collins from the Des Moines District was presented and admitted. John W. Hewitt was also admitted.

Memoir.—The Committee on Memoirs made a report which was adopted, with the grant that the committee be allowed to fill up the blanks.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

URIAH FERREE

Was born in Tyrone township, Adams Co., Pa., August 7th, 1813. His early religious advantages were quite limited. At the age of twenty-one, however, under the preaching of a sermon by a Methodist minister, he became awakened, and soon afterward, happily converted to God. No sooner had he tasted the joys of pardoned sin, than he endeavored to influence others to come to the cross of the Redeemer. In this same happy toil he continued, (soon, however, on a much more extended scale,) till, during the past year, he "ceased at once to work and live."

He was licensed to preach in Ohio, by Rev. W. H. Raper. About eight years since, he, with his wife, came to Iowa Territory,

and settled in Johnson Co. Some three years from this time, being conscious that more extended labor in the ministry was demanded of him, he was presented, and cheerfully received, as a fellow-laborer in the Rock River Conference. As a missionary of the cross he labored cheerfully, efficiently, and with good success. He was possessed of fair talents, winning address, and was apparently beloved by all.

Though to leave an affectionate wife and two small children in a land of strangers was no small task, yet, having bidden them a last farewell, divine grace cheered him while he remarked that he was almost home, and he had not expected so great peace so near the grave. He had enjoyed the evidence, and preached it that "the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin." As might be expected, though the subject of pain, the bright hope of immortality cheered and lightened his pathway through the valley of the shadow of death. He rests from his labors; his works follow him.

Report on Education.—The report on Education was taken up and a motion was made that we strike out that part of the report which excludes the patronage of the Conference from the Mt. Pleasant Institute. During the remarks the Conference by motion granted by request the floor to Judge Williams for remarks on the subject.

The Bishop's Views.—On motion Bishop Hamline was requested to present his views on the subject of collegiate institutions.

Report Adopted.—The amendment on the report was lost and the report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that, having had the subject under consideration, have come to the following conclusions: That immediate, united and persevering effort is called by our church to advance a cause so necessary and so closely connected with the building up of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this part of His moral heritage.

First.—Of the "Iowa City College", taken under your patronage in 1843; we would, for a knowledge of its final financial affairs, refer you to the report of the Trustees on file, and for its literary and moral aspects to the report of the Visiting Committee, also on file.

And your Committee would also recommend the appointment by your body of an agent to obtain funds for the same.

Secondly.—The communication from the "Mount Pleasant Col-

legiate Institute" were also before us, and duly considered. A committee, it will be recollected, was appointed by this Conference at its last session to confer with the Trustees of said institution; and for the result of said stipulation, and the proposed terms of connection, as the result of said conference, we respectfully refer you to the report on file. Your committee would further say that, just at this point, they found themselves at a loss to know what to recommend; but after due deliberation and viewing as far they could the whole ground, have come to the conclusion as follows: That we entertain feelings of kindness towards it, and think it deserving of respect and approbation, in view of its struggles and efforts to attain its present state, and hope it may and believe it will live to benefit community. Yet, our situation as a Conference, we think, would for the present, render it inexpedient for us to take it under our direct patronage. Respectfully submitted.

I. I. STEWART,
D. WORTHINGTON, } Committee.
L. B. DENNIS,

BLOOMINGTON, September 5, 1846.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH THE TRUSTEES OF "MT. PLEASANT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE", AND REFERRED TO IN THE REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee appointed to confer with the "Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute," and to report to this Conference the proposals that said Institute might make in regard to a relation of patronage, respectfully represent the following agreement, as the result of their labors:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INCORPORATORS AND TRUSTEES OF THE MT. PLEASANT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, AND THE IOWA CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

Article 1st—This agreement shall constitute a relation of patronage between the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. Church and the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.

Article 2nd—The design of this relation of patronage shall be to bring the said institution under the countenance and control of the said Iowa Annual Conference for all public purposes and usefulness contemplated in the charter.

Article 3rd—The Incorporators and Trustees of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute hereby proffer and present to the Iowa Annual Conference, for the purpose above specified, the following property and premises, free of any debt, incumbrance, or embarrassment of any kind whatever. To wit:—Twenty acres of land, as a building site properly deeded so that it cannot be alienated, lying in Henry County, Iowa Ter., in a rectangular form, well

suited to the end in view, within the distance of one-half mile from the Court House of said Henry County, substantially enclosed, so that a street 40 feet in width will encircle the premises, and neatly set with shade trees. On said building site is a substantial brick edifice, of academic dimensions, well built and finished with desks for 140 students in the male and female departments, room for library, apparatus, and recitations, and four resident rooms, forming a very comfortable residence for the president of the institution, or such other purpose as the trustees may direct.

Article 4th—The control of said institution, as contemplated in the 2nd Article of this agreement, shall be secured and perpetuated in the following manner:

First. The Board of Trustees, chosen or appointed annually, shall consist at present of ten members,—three-fifths from the Conference, and two-fifths from the incorporators,—five of whom in the same ratio shall form a quorum for business. The three-fifths from the Conference shall be nominated or designated in such form as said Conference may see proper, and the incorporators agree hereby, and bind themselves to elect from time to time to the office of trustees the persons thus designated; or so to change their by-laws in agreement with their charter that they shall become legal trustees by virtue of such designation and this agreement.

Second. The President of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute shall be a member of the Iowa Annual Conference.

Third. The Conference shall annually appoint a committee, not exceeding five in number, to be present at Commencement and Annual Examinations, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary, and make a written annual report to the Conference, showing the intellectual and moral character of the Institute, the discipline, condition of its finances, and any other information that may be deemed important.

Fourth. When the joint Board of Trustees shall have thoroughly digested a course of intellectual and moral training, to be designated as the course of study for the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, such course of study shall be presented to the Conference for approval, and thenceforward remain unaltered in all of its essential features, unless by consent of Conference.

Fifth. The Conference shall in no way be rendered liable for the pecuniary concerns of the Institute, nor shall the Board proceed to erect farther buildings, nor incur any considerable expense, without the consent of the Conference. And it is also expressly understood by this compact that the incorporators, both in their aggregate and individual capacity, shall not be responsible in a pecuniary point for any liability of the Institution beyond the amount of the property belonging to said Institution, and the

property of the Institution shall alone be bound for the liabilities of said Institution.

Article 5th.—Whenever the joint Board of Trustees shall report to the Iowa Annual Conference that in their estimation the wants of the community demand the erection of other buildings to complete the College plan, and that in their judgment it is expedient to commence the erection of such additional building or buildings, or shall further report that an agent is needed to remove liabilities incurred since the Institution came under the patronage of Conference, it shall then become the duty of said Conference to appoint an efficient agent to solicit and collect funds to defray the necessary expense, and give to such agent the sanction and influence of the Conference.

This relation of patronage, thus represented, shall be farther carried out and perfected by prompt and mutual exertions on the part of the incorporators and Conference, in furthering all the legitimate objects of the Institution, that by so doing the general patronage may be enlarged, public confidence maintained, and a greater amount of good accomplished.

I certify that this is a true copy 'test' from the Secretary's book upon record 27, August, 1846.

S. KILPATRICK, President Board of Trustees.

J. PIERSON, Secretary Board of Trustees.

ANDREW COLMAN, } Committee.
WM. SIMPSON, }

Accounts Referred.—Bro. Mitchell presented in his report the note of J. W. Maxon. On motion the amount was referred to the Presiding Elder of his district. Bro. Ingham's balance on note was also referred to the Presiding Elder of Burlington District. H. Bolander's note was referred to the Presiding Elder of Des Moines District. On motion the note of Wm. W. Keller was referred to the preacher on Yellow Springs circuit.

Discontinued.—Moved that the case of J. D. Templin be reconsidered and he was discontinued.

Agent Iowa City College.—Moved that we request the appointment of an agent for Iowa City College.

Sermons Ordered.—Moved that the brethren be required to preach the sermon enjoined upon them last year. Withdrawn.

Sermon.—Moved that Bro. Jamison be required to preach tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock. Motion lost.

Recommendations.—On motion the Presiding Elders were

directed to withhold the recommendations to travel yet in their hands.

Ministerial Support.—Resolved that a committee of two be appointed to address our people on the subject of ministerial support through the Western Christian Advocate, and that the preachers be required to read or to have read the same at each of their appointments.

Passed.

E. S. NORRIS,
M. JAMISON.

Tract.—Resolved, That this Conference request the publication of a tract containing the articles lately published in the Western Christian Advocate on the subject of the Perseverance of the Saints, from the pen of Rev. Richard Hargrave of the Indiana Annual Conference. Passed.

Attending Shows, Etc.—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference it is altogether improper for the members of our church to attend circuses, shows, plays, and all such places, and that we will set ourselves against it and deal with them as for other immoralities.

I. I. STEWART,
DAVID CRAWFORD.

Vice-President of S. S. Union.—Moved and seconded that we elect a vice-president of the Sabbath School society for this Conference. H. W. Reed was on motion appointed.

Vice-President Missionary Society.—Motion was made that we appoint a vice-president of the Missionary Society, and that M. Jamison be said vice-president. Carried.

Conference then adjourned with prayer by Bro. Jamison.

Fifth Day

MUSCATINE, IOWA, September 7th, 1846.

Opening.—Conference opened by Bro. Thompson. Journal read and corrected.

Introduced.—The Bishop introduced Bro. Gilruth to the Conference.

Visitors Appointed.—Committees appointed by the Chair: Visiting Committee for Iowa City College: Bros. Bowman, Harris, Worthington. H. W. Reed and Joel B. Taylor.

Examining Committee for 1847.— First year, Samuel Clark, D. Crawford, Andrew Colman. Second year, A. Young, G. D. Bowman, A. Worthington. Third year, I. I. Stewart, William Simpson, Jos. Brooks. Fourth year, M. Jamison, M. F. Shinn.

Special Committee.— Committee on circular on ministerial support: E. S. Norris, Andrew Colman.

Ordination of Deacons.— The following brethren were announced as ordained on Sabbath. Deacons: E. S. Norris, M. S. Roberts, H. Gibson, Wm. W. Knight, J. F. New. The following as local: L. Taylor, S. H. Greenup, Ancil Wright, Henry Hayden, Elisha D. Chew, F. F. Lyon, John Harris, on Monday morning.

Elders.—The following brethren were ordained as Elders: J. B. Hardy, John Hayden, L. B. Dennis, J. Ockerman, and the following local: E. Rathburn, S. H. Prather, I. J. Huben, Isaac Burns.

Thanks to Citizens.—Moved that the thanks of this Conference be presented to the citizens of this place and vicinity for the kind attention and hospitality to the members of the same during the present session. They are assured of our kind remembrance and prayers. Motion carried.

Agent Iowa City College.—Moved that J. D. Templin be appointed agent for the Iowa City College. Carried.

College Committee. — Resolved, That Bros. Stewart and Reed be a committee to ascertain and report at the next session of this Conference the relation and obligations existing between this Conference and the Iowa City College. Alcimus Young,
E. L. Norris.

Time of Meeting of Committees.—Moved that the committee and candidates be at the seat of next Conference for examination by 2 o'clock p. m. on Monday previous to the commencement.

Adjournment.—The journals were read, and the Bishop addressed the Conference on the great work.

L. L. HAMLINE.

HENRY W. REED, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS**BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—ANDREW COLMAN, P. E.**

Burlington.....	E. S. Norris
New London.....	Wm. Hulburt, Michael See
Mt. Pleasant.....	Alcinus Young, J. W. B. Hewitt
Clear Creek Mission.....	L. Taylor, John Jay
Washington Mission.....	Laban Case
Crawfordsville Mission.....	Robert Rice
Yellow Spring.....	David Crawford, M. Reeder
Ft. Madison.....	Samuel Clark
West Point.....	James F. New
Fairfield.....	Joseph Brooks

BLOOMINGTON (MUSCATINE) DISTRICT.

G. B. BOWMAN, P. E.

Bloomington.....	J. B. Hardy
Grandview Mission.....	John H. Dennis
Fairport.....	D. Worthington
Pleasant Valley Mission.....	W. Simpson, A. Collins
Cedar.....	John Hayden
Iowa City.....	John Harris
Iowa Circuit.....	A. Bushnell, Jesse Hill
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	A. W. Johnson
Bear Creek Mission.....	E. W. Twining
Marion.....	Joel B. Taylor

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—H. W. REED, P. E.

Dubuque City.....	I. I. Stewart
Dubuque Circuit.....	George Larkins
Delaware Mission.....	J. W. Brier, R. Swearingen
Turkey River Mission.....	Eldridge Howard
Bellevue.....	J. W. Maxon
Saluda and South Fork Mission.....	M. S. Roberts, S. H. Greenup
Lynn Grove.....	John Walker

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—M. JAMISON, P. E.

Keokuk.....	L. B. Dennis
Farmington.....	D. B. Nicholls
Keosauqua.....	B. H. Russell

Birmingham	T. M. Kirkpatrick, G. H. Jennison
Locust Grove	Joel Arrington
Ottumwa	Joseph Ockerman
Oskaloosa Mission	M. F. Shinn, R. H. Harrison
White Breast Mission	M. H. Hare, W. W. Knight
Bloomfield Mission	H. Gibson, One to be supplied
Raccoon Fork Mission	A. G. Pierce, J. Rayner
Big Creek Mission	To be supplied

Statistics of Membership**BURLINGTON DISTRICT.**

	Whites.	Col.
Burlington	198	1
New London	428	--
Mt Pleasant	396	--
Clear Creek Mission ..	290	--
Washington Mission ..	200	--
Wapello	209	--
Yellow Spring	306	--
Ft. Madison	96	1
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DUBUQUE DISTRICT.

	Whites.	Col.
Dubuque	180	--
Dubuque Circuit	168	--
Turkey River	100	--
Delaware	176	--
Bellevue	155	--
South Fork	72	--
Charleston	48	--
Lynn Grove	140	--
Marion	150	--
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BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.

	Whites.	Col.
Bloomington	105	6
Grandview	130	--
Davenport	75	--
Pleasant Valley	120	--
Salem	107	--
Cedar	174	--
Iowa City	126	--
Iowa Circuit	148	--
Cedar Rapids	108	--
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DES MOINES DISTRICT.

	Whites.	Col.
Farmington	480	--
Keosauqua	69	--
Pittsburgh	334	--
Birmingham	775	--
Fairfield	470	--
Ottumwa	441	--
Oskaloosa	262	--
White Breast	264	--
Bloomfield	150	--
Raccoon Fork	59	--
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RECAPITULATION

Burlington District ..	2123	2
Bloomington District ..	1093	6
Dubuque District	1189	--
Des Moines District ..	3304	--
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Total	7709	8

Whites	7709
Colored	8
Local Preachers	95
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Total	7812
Last year	6410
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Increase	1402

Mission collection in 1846, \$120.

Report on Sabbath Schools

APPOINTMENTS.	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Expenses of Sch's for Year	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken	Conver- sions
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.									
Burlington.....	1	22	140	400	2		\$30 00	25	15
New London.....	9	86	394	1190	3		29 00	20	
Mt. Pleasant.....	2	21	100	225	1		10 00	20	5
Clear Creek Mission.....	1	5	30	25			2 00		4
Washington Mission.....									
Wapello.....									
Yellow Spring.....	3	24	100	70	3	5	20 00	21	4
Ft. Madison.....	1	8	80	100	1		10 00		
	17	166	844	2010	10	5	101 00	86	28
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.									
Bloomington.....	1	20	90	150	1		\$16 00		
Grandview Mission.....	2	17	55	60					
Davenport.....									
Pleasant Valley.....									
Salem Mission.....	2	11	36	106	4	3	5 00		
Cedar.....	2	14	45	124	4	2			
Iowa City.....	1	10	80	100	1	2	17 87	20	2
Iowa Circuit.....	6	30	200	200	6		15 00		2
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	4	14	80				13 00		
	18	116	586	740	16	7	\$66 87	20	4
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.									
Dubuque Station.....	2	36	160	400	3		\$28 50	40	3
Dubuque Circuit.....	4	32	107	165			12 75	24	1
Turkey River.....	2	12	150	40			10 00		
Delaware.....	4	29	103	96	3		30 00	20	
Bellevue.....									
South Fork.....	1	3	30	27	1		10 00		
Charleston Mission.....	1	6	17	100					
Lynn Grove.....	2	14	58	22	1		5 00		
Marion.....	2	6	40	50			5 00		
	18	138	665	900	7		101 25	84	4
DES MOINES DISTRICT.									
Farmington and West Point.....	5	30	200	150	2			6	2
Keosauqua.....									
Pittsburgh.....	1	7	25	50					
Birmingham.....	8	87	410	692	3	20			9
Fairfield.....	6	36	350		2				
Ottumwa.....	3	20	84	25				10	6
Oskaloosa.....	6	30	117				6 75		
Upper White Breast.....									
Bloomfield Mission.....	1	8	20		1				
Raccoon Fork.....									
	30	218	1206	917	9	20	6 75	16	17
RECAPITULATION.									
Burlington District.....	17	166	844	2010	10	5	101 00	86	28
Bloomington District.....	18	116	586	740	16	7	67 87	20	4
Dubuque District.....	18	138	665	900	7		101 25	84	4
Des Moines District.....	30	218	1206	917	9	20	6 75	16	17
Totals.....	83	640	3301	4567	42	32	275 87	260	53

JOURNAL

MINUTES OF FOURTH SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, September 1, 1847.

Opening Services.—The fourth session of the Iowa Annual Conference commenced in Mt. Pleasant, September 1, 1847. Bishop Waugh being present opened the Conference by reading the Scripture, singing and prayer. He then addressed the Conference upon the importance of their work, the necessity of personal piety, and of cultivating a spirit of prayer during the present session.

Roll Call.—The former Secretary was then requested to call the roll, when nearly all the preachers appeared and took their seats. Roll: Joel Arrington, Joseph Brooks, Geo. B. Bowman, John J. Buren, James W. Brier, Andrew Colman, Samuel Clark, David Crawford, Laban Case, Asbury Collins, Levin B. Dennis, John H. Dennis, Hugh Gibson, Stephen H. Greenup, Joshua B. Hardy, John Hayden, Wm. Hulburt, Eldridge Howard, John Harris, Michael H. Hare, Robert H. Harrison, Milton Jamison, Allen W. Johnson, John Jay, Geo. H. Jennison, John L. Kelly, Wm. W. Knight, dec'd., Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, George Larkins, Joseph W. Maxon, Elisha L. Norris, Danforth B. Nichols, James F. New, Joseph Ockerman, Andrew G. Pierce, Henry W. Reed, Micajah Reeder, Robert Rice, Martin S. Roberts, Benj. H. Russel, Isaac I. Stewart, Moses F. Shinn, Wm. Simpson, R. Swearengen, Abraham Still, D. N. Smith, Michael See, Landon Taylor, Joel B. Taylor, Edw. W. Twining, David Worthington, John Walker, Alcimus Young. Total 52.

Transfer.—Bro. Smith, a transfer from the Ohio Conference was then introduced to the Conference, his transfer was read, and he took his seat.

Secretary.—On motion, H. W. Reed was appointed Secretary of the Conference.

Bar.—The fifth row of benches in the body of the house was fixed as the bar.

Hours.—The hour of 8:00 o'clock a. m. was fixed as the hour of the meeting of Conference and 12:00 o'clock as the hour of adjournment.

Committee on Worship.—The Committee on divine service was made to consist of the Presiding Elder on this district and the preachers on the circuit. On motion, one from each district was appointed to assist during religious services. Bros. Kirkpatrick, Crawford, Worthington and Howard were appointed assistants.

Stewards.—Bros. Brooks, Stewart and Morris were made Stewards of Conference.

Committees.—Committee on Memoirs.—Brother Hare was appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

Education.—Bros. Reed, Dennis and Norris were also made a Committee on Education.

Sabbath School Cause.—Upon the Sabbath School Cause one from each district was ordered, to consist of Joel B. Taylor, I. I. Stewart, Moses F. Shinn and D. Crawford.

Second Question.—The second question was taken up, viz.: Who remain on trial? The committee was not prepared to report.

Third Question.—Who are admitted? The following brethren appeared for examination: John Jay, B. H. Russell, Jas. W. Brier, Geo. Larkins, Michael See, Michael H. Hare, John H. Dennis, Landon Taylor, Andrew G. Pierce and Robert Harrison. Bro. Harris not being present from sickness, the examination was deferred until he could be sent for.

Fourth Question.—The fourth question was taken up. The Committee as well as the Presiding Elders reported in the case of Bro. Norris and he was passed. Bro. Roberts was called but for want of some information, it was for the present laid over. Hugh Gibson was reported and passed. Wm. W. Knight, deceased. The cases of Jas. F. New, Eldridge Howard, Jos. W. Maxon and John Walker were considered and passed.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was taken up: Danforth B. Nichols' name was called and complaints being presented a committee of three were appointed to examine into the case and report to Conference. Bros. Bowman, Arrington and L. B. Dennis were the committee.

A motion was then made to increase the committee and Bros. Norris and Brooks were appointed.

Third Question.—Bro. Harris being present, the examination

of the candidates for full connection was proceeded with. The Bishop examined them and commented at some length and with force on the obligations they were assuming and the duties appertaining to their ministration, and closed by reflections and advice.

Notices being given Conference then adjourned with prayer by Bro. Crawford.

Second Day

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, September 2nd, 1847.

Roll Call.—Conference met and opened with religious exercises by Bro. S. Clark. The roll was then called, the minutes read and corrected.

Third Question.—Conference then proceeded with the minute business. Who are admitted into full connection? Before the candidates were called, Bro. Mitchell made a few remarks on the Methodist Book Concern and presented the exhibits of the same. A committee was then appointed for the Book Concern at New York, and also to collect the names of the post-offices. A. Young and J. W. Brier were appointed said committee.

Deacon's Orders.—John Jay was admitted and elected to deacon's orders. Also Benj. F. Russell, Jas. W. Brier, Geo. Larkins, Michael See, Michael H. Hare, John H. Dennis, John Harris and Landon Taylor were admitted, being already deacons. R. H. Harrison's name was called and in order to get satisfaction about some business transactions, a committee of Bros. Stewart, J. B. Taylor and Joel Arrington were appointed to enquire into the matter.

Discontinued.—A. Bushnell was discontinued on the account of ill health by his own request. Jas. Raynor having gone to Oregon he was discontinued.

Steward's Call.—The Steward's then proceeded to make the call.

Drafts.—The Bishop informed the Conference that they could draw on the Book Concern for \$500, which on motion was

drawn, as also on the chartered fund for \$50 which was also on motion drawn.

Fifth Collection.—A call was then made for Conference collection.

Charges Against S. Clark and M. Jamison.—The Bishop presented some papers embracing charges against Bros. Clark and Jamison. Whereupon a committee of five was ordered, consisting of Bros. Reed, Worthington, Brooks, Dennis and Norris.

Second Question.—The minute business was then taken up in the second question, viz.: Who remain on trial? Edward Twining's name was called and he was continued on trial.

The case of Martin S. Roberts, a deacon, laid over on yesterday was taken up and character passed.

The second question was resumed and Jesse Hill's name was called and his P. E. reported that he had been extremely afflicted, and on motion, on account of his ill health, he was discontinued.

Stephen H. Greenup, Geo. H. Jennison, Richard Swearingen, Asbury Collins and John Hewitt were severally considered and continued on trial.

Assistant Secretary.—On motion Landon Taylor was appointed assistant Secretary.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned by prayer.

Third Day

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, September 3rd, 1847.

Roll Call.—Conference met and opened with prayer by Bro. Coleman. The roll was then called and the minutes read and corrected.

Report in Case of R. H. Harrison.—The Committee in case of Bro. Harrison reported that in his case there was no cause for complaint. On motion the report was accepted, and he was admitted and elected to deacon's orders.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN THE CASE OF R. H. HARRISON.

We, the Committee chosen to investigate the case of Bro. R. H. Harrison, on a charge of "not paying his debts according to

contract," would respectfully report, that, after careful investigation, we find no ground for complaint.

September 2, 1847.

I. I. STEWART,
JOEL B. TAYLOR, } Committee.
JOEL ARRINGTON,

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was taken up and Joel B. Taylor was considered, passed and elected to elder's orders. A motion was here made and passed, that the Conference hereafter set with closed doors (except the admission of Local Minister) in the examination of character.

The name of Bro. Case was taken up. The committee reported that he had not been before them for examination. A motion was made that his character pass with the proviso that he pursue his studies and he be examined at the next Conference. Bro. Robert Rice also was not before the committee, his character passed but not elected. Allen W. Johnson was reported by the committee and P. E. and elected to elder's orders. Also Wm. Hulburt passed. Micajah Reeder's case was called and during the examination of the case, the Stewards asked information on the subject of the dividend in his case. Bro. Reeder was elected, and on motion the Stewards were directed to settle with him allowing him a claim of three-fourths.

Local Deacons.—The recommendation of local preachers for deacon's orders was called for. Elias D. Wilson, Wm. Jenkins were elected from the Dubuque district. Jacob Grewell, Jno. James, Cyrus Spurlock, Wm. Babb and Moses Warner from the Des Moines district were elected. Jas. W. Bird from Burlington district was recommended and elected.

Local Elders.—Recommendations for elder's orders were called for. William Brooks from Des Moines district was examined before the Conference, and after some remarks from his P. E., was elected.

Claim.—The Stewards made enquiry of the claim of Bro. Ockerman. During the consideration of the case, a motion was made to allow him one-half of his claim, which was amended by substituting three-fourths, which passed.

Effective Elders.—The consideration of the character of elders was taken up. Andrew Colman was called and after remarks on the state of the District he retired and his character passed. Alcimus Young, David Crawford and Joseph Brooks were also passed.

Referred.—Bro. Bowman's name was called and complaints being presented, a committee of Bros. Stewart, Hulburt and Young were appointed. Bro. Bowman gave an account of his work, and reports heard in his case. Bro. Stewart asked for an increase of the committee by an addition of two. On motion Bro. Shinn and Bro. Howard were added.

Adjournment.—Bro. Hardy's name was called and passed, also David Worthington, William Simpson and John Hayden. In view of the Sabbath School celebration, on motion, notices were given and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Stewart.

Fourth Day

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, September 4th, 1847.

Roll.—Conference met and was opened with religious exercises by H. W. Reed. The roll was called and the minutes read and corrected.

Book Accounts.—A communication from New York was presented and referred to the Committee on the New York Book Concern. Bro. Mitchell made some remarks on the state of the accounts with the preachers.

Effective Elders.—The character of the elders was taken up. H. W. Reed's name was called, he gave an account of the state of the District he had traveled; retired and character passed. Bro. Stewart also passed. Bro. Jamison's name was called and complaints being presented, they were referred to the Committee on the case of Jamison and Clark. After giving an account of his work he retired, and accounts about him from his preachers were received. Levin B. Dennis and Thos. M. Kirkpatrick were called and passed, as also Joel B. Arrington. Joseph Ockerman's case was called and a motion was made to grant him a supernumerary relation, which was lost. Moses F. Shinn was also passed.

Report of Nichol's Case.—The committee on the case of Bro. Nichols then made their report. On motion the report was laid on the table to hear the Steward's report, which on motion was adopted.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Question 14—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? \$6,793.04.

Question 15—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? Book Concern, \$500.00; chartered fund, \$50.00; fifth collection, \$55.88; total, \$605.88.

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Bishop Hedding	\$14 13	J. W. Maxon	\$34 77
Bishop Waugh	14 13	M. S. Roberts	12 51
Bishop Morris	14 13	J. Walker	63 59
Bishop Hamline	14 13	J. Ockerman	59 22
Bishop Janes	16 57	R. H. Harrison	13 62
Mrs. Roberts	4 35	H. Gibson	5 51
John Jay	33	A. G. Pierce	45 00
M. Reeder	81 46	Widow Ferree	60 00
S. Clark	51 82	Stationery, etc.	86
J. Brooks	20 70	Balance to Committee	
A. Collins	15 27	on Necessitous Cases .	2 10
J. Hayden	22 65		
J. Harris	5 52	Total	\$ 605 88
A. Bushnell	33 51		

Ockerman Case.—The case of Bro. Ockerman was reconsidered and he was granted a supernumerary relation.

First Question.—The first question was taken: Who are admitted an trial? A motion was made to take up the recommendations for readmission first, which was lost.

A motion was made to take up the case of the single men first. A substitute was offered which was lost and the original motion carried. Bros. Jas. C. Smith, William Burris, Jas. T. Colman and Samuel Farlow were severally received as single men. John J. Buren was presented and on motion his case was laid on the table, to receive one from Bro. Colman. John J. Buren was readmitted.

Local Elders.—John W. Starr was presented by certificate; he appeared and was examined as a candidate for elder's orders. He was elected.

Book Accounts.—Bro. Mitchell presented sundry notes, due the concern more than one year, as ordered by rule of Discipline, viz.: J. B. Hardy and W. Knight. On motion, the time was pro-

longed for one year in favor of Bro. Hardy; the indebtedness of Bro. Knight settled. G. B. Bowman's and Templin's time was extended one year; Bro. Bowman's proportion was paid. On motion, Bro. Ockerman's indebtedness was directed to be paid by the Stewards to Bro. Mitchell. M. S. Roberts, time was extended for one year. On motion the account of Bro. Ingham was put into the hands of the P. E. of his District. The time of Bros. Bushnell and J. W. Maxon also was extended. Robert H. Harrison and P. Fink on motion was also prolonged for one year. The note of W. H. Bolander was left with Bro. Jamison. The case of Riley E. Hill on motion was referred to Bro. Shinn.

Resolutions.—Bro. Young, the Committee on Book Concern, made sundry enquiries. A resolution was presented, as adopted by the Rock River Conference, on the subject of Book Concern and Periodicals, on motion was laid on the table. A motion to extend the time of the session was passed.

Resolution No. 1. Resolved, that, believing as we do that the best interests of the church would be promoted by the measure, we concur with the Rock River Conference in recommending to the General Conference the discontinuance of all depositories of books other than Sabbath School books and of all periodicals other than issued in connection with our book establishments in New York and Cincinnati. Laid on table.

Resolution was introduced for the Pittsburg Conference on the subject of the reduction of the prices of the books at the Book Concern. On motion, we decline to concur in the resolution preferring to leave it altogether with the General Conference.

Erie Conference Resolution.—The resolution of the Erie Conference was ordered and a motion to nonconcur was passed by 28 to 7, 28 voting for non-concurrence.

Introduced.—Bros. Still and Wilbur were introduced to the Conference, after which Conference adjourned.

Fifth Day

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, September 6th, 1847.

Roll Call.—Conference opened with religious exercises by Bro. Bowman. Roll was called, minutes read and corrected.

Missionary Committee.—A motion was made to appoint a

Missionary Committee. The Presiding Elders were made such committee.

Election of Delegates.—A motion was made and carried that we now go into the election of delegates to General Conference, there being two to elect; the election to be by ballot.

The election of delegates resulted in the choice of the following brethren as delegates to the next General Conference: H. W. Reed and G. B. Bowman.

The Conference then on motion agreed to elect two reserve delegates and agreed also that the one having the highest number of votes should in case either was needed be first called upon to go. I. I. Stewart was then elected.

On motion the highest number of votes be considered as the next reserve delegate. Andrew Colman was elected having the highest number of votes.

Still's Case.—An enquiry was made as to the case of Bro. Still from Missouri, who in the division of the south, elected to go north. He was elected in relation to his case. A motion was made to receive Bro. Still which prevailed, and he was also superannuated.

D. B. Nichol's Case.—On motion the case of Bro. D. B. Nichols was now taken up. A motion was made to refer the the case back for investigation to a committee of five to be appointed at this Conference. The motion was passed and the Superintendent was requested to leave him without an appointment. The committee to consist of five to be appointed by the superintendent.

Location.—Micajah Reeder requested and obtained a location. Robert Rice also asked and obtained a location.

Ordinations.—The names of the following brethren as ordained yesterday were presented:

Elders: Joel B. Taylor, Allen W. Johnson, Micajah Reeder, Wm. Hulburt, Wm. Brooks and John W. Starr.

Deacons: John Jay, Benjamin H. Russell, Jas. W. Brier, Geo. Larkins, Michael See, Michael H. Hare, Jno. H. Dennis, Andrew G. Pierce, Robt. H. Harrison, Elias D. Wilcox, Jacob Gruel, Jno. James, Cyrus Spurlock, Jas. W. Bird, Jno. W. Saylor, Calvin Coats. The above brethren were ordained by Bishop Waugh at Mt. Pleasant, Sabbath, September 5th, 1847.

First Question.—The Bishop informed the Conference that in view of the location of the brethren, Reeder and Rice, we shall need some more men to fill up the work. Joseph Jamison and Ancil Wright were admitted.

Report in Case of Jamison and Clark.—The committee in the case of Jamison and Clark presented a report, during the discussion of which a motion was made that Bro. Teas be allowed to take charge of the case for Bro. Clark. During remarks by Bro. Jamison a motion was made to extend the present session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN THE CASE OF M. JAMISON
AND S. CLARK.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Bros. Jamison and Clark, beg leave to make the following report:

They have already had the charge against Bro. Clark under consideration for three nights, and they seem not to have gotten near half through with the reception of the evidence in the case; and, from the knowledge they have of the charges and evidence on both sides, they are fully of the opinion that it will take at least one week constant labour to get through with the case in any way, and think to do it justice would require twice that time. Without offering any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the parties, they would recommend, in view of all the facts, that they be left without appointment from Conference, and as soon as possible after Conference, that a suitable committee be appointed, either by the Bishop or the Conference, who shall take the whole matter through a careful investigation, and suspend or acquit them till our next session, when the whole matter shall be submitted for final decision.

H. W. REED, D. WORTHINGTON,
L. B. DENNIS, J. BROOKS,
E. S. NORRIS,
Committee.

Adjournment.—On motion Conference adjourned to meet at half-past two o'clock, and adjourned by benediction.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met and was opened by religious exercises by Bro. Young.

Roll Call.—The roll was called, minutes read and corrected.

Jamison and Clark Case.—The cases of Bros. Jamison and Clark was taken up after discussion, one party not being ready to proceed further. On motion, it was laid on the table.

Statistics.—The statistics of the church were called for and received.

Statistics of Membership

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.			DUBUQUE DISTRICT.		
	Whites.	Col.		Whites.	Col.
Burlington	151	1	Dubuque City	207	4
New London	500	--	Dubuque Circuit	157	--
Mt Pleasant	298	--	Delaware Mission	360	--
Clear Creek Mission ..	233	--	Turkey River Mis.	140	1
Washington Mission ..	125	--	Bellevue Mission	140	--
Crawfordsville	123	--	Sabula Mission	119	--
Yellow Spring	380	--	Lynn Grove	149	--
Ft. Madison	96	--			
West Point	182	--		1272	5
Fairfield	275	--			
	2373	1			
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.			DES MOINES DISTRICT.		
Bloomington	87	6	Keokuk	328	--
Grandview Mission ...	138	5	Farmington	250	--
Fairport Mission	112	--	Keosauqua	345	--
Pleasant Valley	172	1	Birmingham	587	--
Cedar Mission	157	--	Locust Grove Mis.	316	--
Iowa City	59	--	Ottumwa	320	--
Iowa Circuit	149	--	Oskaloosa Mission. ...	280	--
Cedar Rapids Mis.	74	--	White Breast Mission. .	347	--
Bear Creek Mission ...	66	--	Bloomfield Mission ...	314	2
Marion	158	--	Raccoon Fork Mis.	135	1
			Big Creek Mission	329	11
	1212	12			
				3551	14
RECAPITULATION					
Burlington District ...	2373	1	Whites Members	8408	
Bloomington District ..	1212	12	Colored Members	32	
Dubuque District	1272	5	Local Preachers	97	
Des Moines District ...	3551	14			
			Total	8537	
Total	8408	32	Last year	7812	
Last year	7804	8			
			Aggregate Increase	725	
Increase	701	24			
Mission collection in 1847, \$172.98.					

Statistics---Churches, Parsonages, Etc.

	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Parson- ages.	Mis. Money
BURLINGTON DISTRICT -----				
Burlington-----	1	1	1	\$ 2 10
New London-----	3	1	1	23 12
Mt. Pleasant-----	6	3	--	2 45
Clear Creek-----	1	--	--	5 75
Washington-----	--	--	--	----
Crawfordsville-----	2	--	--	5 00
Yellow Spring-----	2	3	1	8 00
Ft. Madison-----	1	1	--	----
West Point-----	2	3	--	----
Fairfield-----	3	--	--	----
	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$46 32</u>
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT -----				
Bloomington-----	4	1	--	\$-----
Grandview-----	1	1	1	8 44
Fairport-----	--	2	--	4 12
Pleasant Valley-----	1	1	--	18 40
Cedar-----	4	--	1	4 00
Iowa City-----	2	1	1	1 50
Iowa Circuit-----	2	1	1	1 05
Cedar Rapids-----	--	--	--	6 40
Bear Creek-----	--	--	--	8 00
Marion-----	--	--	1	7 45
	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>\$41 32</u>
DUBUQUE DISTRICT -----				
Dubuque City-----	3	2	--	\$50 00
Dubuque Circuit-----	4	2	--	4 86
Delaware-----	6	1	1	1 00
Turkey River-----	3	--	--	----
Bellevue-----	2	--	1	----
Sabula-----	1	1	1	----
Lynn Grove-----	2	--	1	6 88
	<u>21</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>\$62 74</u>
DES MOINES DISTRICT -----				
Keokuk-----	4	1	--	\$-----
Farmington-----	3	--	--	----
Keosauqua-----	1	2	2	----
Birmingham-----	8	1	1	----
Locust Grove-----	7	--	--	----
Ottumwa-----	4	--	--	1 10
Oskaloosa-----	5	1	--	----
White Breast-----	1	2	--	3 50

Bloomfield	9	--	1	----
Raccoon Fork	3	--	--	----
Big Creek	6	--	--	----
Des Moines District	51	6	5	\$ 4 60
Burlington District	21	12	3	46 32
Bloomington District	14	7	5	41 32
Dubuque District	21	6	4	62 74
Totals	107	31	17	\$154 98

Jamison and Clark's Case.—On motion the case of Clark and Jamison was resumed. Time being asked to consult Bro. Clark on one point under debate till we can hear from him, which was granted.

Circular on Sabbath School.—A circular from the corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union was presented, read and referred to the Committee on the Sabbath School cause.

Jamison and Clark Case.—The case of Bros. Jamison and Clark was taken up. The charges being withdrawn, a motion was made to grant S. Clark a superannuated relation which was carried. Bro. Milton Jamison asked and obtained a location.

Education.—The Committee on Education report that they had no communication, except the report of the Board of Iowa City College, as also the report of the agent, which were read. A motion was made that the several reports be accepted and the committee dismissed from further consideration.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF IOWA CITY COLLEGE.

IOWA CITY, August 26, 1847.

To the Reverend, the President and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Conference:

The Board of Trustees for the Iowa City College in obedience to the requisitions of the charter respectfully submit the following report:

The number of students during the year have amounted to one hundred or more. At the close of the winter session there was a public examination made in the presence of the Board, which was creditable to the students and satisfactory to the community. The examining committee was not in attendance not having been notified. Since the last report Prof. Holland, who was in charge of the college, has resigned and his place has been temporarily supplied by Mr. Lathrop, who is recommended as a competent teacher, who meets the approbation of the Board, and has thus far rendered general satisfaction.

The Conference agent for soliciting donations and for raising funds has not conferred with this Board, nor has the Board been officially advised of his having done anything to advance the interests of the institution. The relation which he sustains to the Conference has defeated the design of his appointment. The agents of the Board, the Rev. Jas. L. Thompson and Elder Bowman have so far succeeded in their efforts as to afford a guarantee that the debt contracted for the college edifice will be liquidated in due time. These laudable efforts have been no less satisfactory to the Board than to the community which have so generously responded to the appeals made to them in behalf of the institution.

Iowa City College is the only institution of learning in operation in this city. One after another has disappeared, until this is left without a rival. Under these favorable circumstances, with the aid and co-operation of an efficient Conference agent, we may look forward with hope and confidence to a period at no distant day when Iowa City College will stand preeminent among the best literary institutions in the state; nor can we close this report in justice to the institution over which we preside, without bearing testimony to the health of the students and the general good health of the city. All of which is respectfully reported.

J. L. THOMPSON, President.

REPORT OF VISITORS OF IOWA CITY COLLEGE.

The committee appointed at your last session to attend at the examinations of the Iowa City College beg leave to report as follows:

That on the 28th day of August, in obedience to your instructions we were present to witness the progress and condition of the school. We were sorry to find that the number of students had, in a few weeks past, been reduced by prevailing sickness of the country, from seventy to forty-five. The trustees and friends of the institution, however, believe that when health is restored the number in attendance will be much greater than at any former period. Classes were examined on the following branches, viz.: Spelling, reading, arithmetic, grammar, geography, rhetoric, astronomy, philosophy and French; and in our opinion the examination evinced a thorough course of instruction, with which your committee were pleased.

We would just say that we think Mr. James Harlan, professor and principal of the college, a gentleman well calculated for the place he fills; and that together with Mrs. Hart, the instructress, a lady admirably qualified to teach, will advance the interests and credit of the institution.

The committee would further state that they were gratified

with the moral aspect of the school, and feel assured that, under the control of the persons above named, it will be emphatically a school of morals.

G. B. BOWMAN, D. WORTHINGTON,
I. I. STEWART, J. W. BRIER,
J. D. TEMPLIN.

Visitors.

REPORT OF AGENT OF IOWA CITY COLLEGE.

Brethren of the Iowa Annual Conference:

Your agent for Iowa City College begs leave to make the following report; viz.:

I have collected in notes \$51; in cash 50 cents; total \$51.50. As your agent has done but little for the institution, it is due to you and to himself that he briefly state the reasons why he has been, apparently, so deficient in the performance of his duty. 1—When I was appointed I entered upon the labors assigned me; but found it impossible to collect anything but promissory notes. 2—On account of pecuniary embarrassment I found it impossible to proceed, unless the trustees of the institution would afford me means. The trustees did not only not furnish such necessary means, but did not give me their co-operation otherwise, by which I might be able to act efficiently. Indeed they went so far as to appoint another agent. Under such circumstances it became impossible for me to do more. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. D. TEMPLIN, Agent Iowa City College.

September 2, 1847.

P. S.—\$28.50 of the above amount I delivered to the trustees of the college; the balance I retained in my possession.

Charges Against T. M. Kirkpatrick Tabled.—Charges were presented against T. M. Kirkpatrick which were on motion laid on the table.

Adjournment.—On motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. Bowman.

BISHOP'S DECISION IN CASE OF TRIAL OF PRESIDING ELDER.

A motion was made requesting the Bishop to give his decision in the case of the trial of Presiding Elders. The following question having been submitted by the Iowa Annual Conference for the official decision of the President of said Conference, to-wit:

Question, "When a Presiding Elder is under report of being guilty of some crime expressly forbidden in the Word of God, as an unchristian practice sufficient to exclude a person from the kingdom of Grace and Glory, or in case, charges of immorality

are preferred against him, by what tribunal shall he be tried," is thus answered: The only section of discipline which has a bearing on this question, is a clause in the 19th section thereof in the answer to the 1st question of said section in the following words: "But if the accused be a Presiding Elder, the preachers must call in the Presiding Elder of the neighboring District, who is required to attend and preside at the trial. In the administration of this rule, the ambiguous point in the answer above quoted is that which relates to the preachers of the District." What preachers are here meant? There is, it must be owned, a lack of explicitness here, which renders it somewhat difficult to determine who they are, and there have been so few cases of accusation against Presiding Elders that no usage has been established by which we can be guided in the interpretation of the rule. It appears to me the most probable exposition of the question is that it means some or all the preachers appointed within the bounds of the District of which the supposed Presiding Elder has the oversight. When the Presiding Elder from a neighboring District shall have been called to preside at the trial of an accused Presiding Elder, he is for the time being invested with the same power, which in him by the Discipline for the trial of a preacher in his own proper district and that he shall exercise his discretion in the selection of the committee of trial in regard to the number and persons, provided the selection be made from the preachers of the District of the accused Presiding Elder, unless for any valid cause, a competent committee cannot be procured from said District, in which event he may call preachers from his own District or as many as may be deemed necessary to constitute the committee of trial at which he is to preside.

B. WAUGH.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 6th, 1847. (A true copy.)

A motion was then made requesting of the Bishop a copy of his decision just given, to be published in the Western Christian Advocate, which was carried.

Sixth Day

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, September 7th, 1847.

Roll.—Conference met and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. Crawford. The roll was called, minutes read and corrected.

Buren's Address.—Bro. Buren made some communications on the feelings of the brethren from Missouri, as well as their peculiar work.

First Question.—The Bishop stating that he should want two men to fill up the work, a motion was made to take up the case of John W. Taylor and on motion he was received on trial. Jas. Q. Hammond was also admitted.

Templin Case.—The committee on the case of Jas. D. Templin then reported. A motion was made to adopt the reports. Remarks were then made by the appellant, also by others. On motion the report was adopted, confirming his expulsion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN CASE OF J. D. TEMPLIN.

The committee to whom the case of J. D. Templin was referred, ask leave to make the following report:

1st.—The appellant complains that G. B. Bowman rejected material testimony in said Templin's trial. It is the opinion of your committee that the testimony rejected had no relevancy to the case pending, and was not admissible, and that there is no ground of appeal upon this complaint.

2nd.—He complains that the evidence produced by Bro. Harris in his trial, as found upon the records of the trial, is not sufficient to sustain the charges upon which the said Templin was convicted. Your committee, having carefully examined the testimony found upon the records, to which he refers, are of the opinion that the charges were abundantly sustained and that there is no ground of appeal upon this complaint. Respectfully submitted.

I. I. STEWART, D. N. SMITH,
M. H. HARE.

The decision of the quarterly conference was affirmed and he presented his credentials to the Conference.

Iowa City College.—A call was made on the committee to report on the relation of the Iowa City College to this Conference. On motion they were released.

Necessitous Cases.—The committee on necessitous cases made a report, which was adopted. The balance of 10 cents, as also an appropriation of 25 cents, was paid to the secretary for stationery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECESSITOUS CASES.

The Committee on Necessitous Cases make the following report:

Funds placed in their hands, \$2.10.

Disbursed as follows: R. H. Harrison, \$1.00; John Jay, \$1.00. The balance, being but 10 cents, was refused by the brother to whom it was presented, and is therefore retained in hands.

J. BROOKS, Chairman.

Sabbath School Report.—The committee on Sabbath schools made their report, which was adopted, as follows: Resolved, That we consider the Sabbath school cause worthy our most strenuous exertions, and whilst we endeavor to raise in every neighborhood a Sabbath school where it is at all practicable, we believing as we do that the Sabbath School Advocate is a very important auxilliary to the Sabbath school interests, will exert ourselves to have a copy of that paper taken in each family of our charge.

Resolution.—A resolution was also adopted, which is as follows: Resolved that the resolution entered upon our journal be forwarded by the Secretary at his earliest convenience to the Western Christian Advocate for publication. I. I. STEWART.

Memoirs.—The committee on obituaries made their report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

WILLIAM W. KNIGHT was born in Fleming Co., Ky., October 20th, 1817. When quite young his parents removed to Ross Co., Ohio, and shortly after to Indiana. Under the labors of Rev. Mr. Posey, on Haw Patch circuit, Indiana Conference, in the spring of 1841, he was deeply and pungently convicted of sin, soon after which he was happily and powerfully converted to God. He received license to preach in the spring of 1842. He was employed soon after by the presiding elder to assist C. W. Miller in the Wolf Lake mission. In the summer of 1842 he emigrated to Iowa. Here he continued his labors faithfully and efficiently as a local preacher until September, 1844, when he was received on probation into the Iowa Conference and appointed to Dubuque circuit, with J. B. Taylor. Sometime in the course of the year he was placed on the Turkey River mission, then without a preacher, where he labored faithfully and successfully until Conference, when he was appointed with J. B. Hardy to Pittsburgh Circuit, Des Moines district. Last Conference he was received into full connection, ordained deacon by Bishop Hamline, and appointed, with M. H. Hare to White Breast Mission. He preached his last sermon one week before his death, from Phil. 1:21-23, "For me to live is Christ, etc." A short time before his death, which took place May 28th, 1847, he clapped his hands in holy triumph, ex-

claiming, "I am not afraid to take hold of death." He called his friends around him, and gave them severally some suitable advice; then taking his companion by the hand, he said: "Lord bless her, and make her useful." Shortly after he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. Brother Knight was over six feet in height, strong constitution, had a powerful voice, was a lovely singer, and a very useful man. If he had lived he would doubtless have become an able minister of the New Testament. About seven weeks previous to his death he was united in marriage to a pious young lady, who is left to mourn her loss. Brother Knight had a very amiable disposition, was the best of colleagues, and a faithful pastor. While alive he was almost universally beloved, and now dead, deeply lamented. But our loss is his eternal gain.

Place of Next Session.—The place of holding the next session of Conference was then fixed at Dubuque.

Thanks.—The following resolution was passed by a rising vote: Resolved, that thanks of this Conference is hereby expressed to the inhabitants of Mt. Pleasant and vicinity, for the kind manner in which they have received and entertained this Conference during the present session, and that they may be assured of our prayers and kind regards when we are gone; that this be read next Sabbath in the church.

WM. SIMPSON,
H. W. REED.

Committee on Case of D. B. Nicholls.—The committee on the case of D. B. Nicholls consisted of the following persons: I. I. Stewart, M. F. Shinn, D. N. Smith, John Hayden and Martin S. Roberts.

Examining Committees.—The examining committee were appointed by the Bishop on motion, as follows: First year, David Worthington, Joel B. Taylor and John Hayden. Second year, Jos. Brooks, William Simpson and Moses F. Shinn. Third year, Andrew Colman, Joel Arrington and L. B. Dennis. Fourth year, Alcinus Young, I. I. Stewart and David N. Smith.

Resolutions.—The following resolution was passed on fasting: Resolved, That we will observe the third Sunday in November as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer for the prosperity of Zion and the salvation of the world and that the members of our church be requested to unite with us in the observance of the same day.

ANDREW COLMAN,
JOSEPH BROOKS.

Resolved, that the several committees and classes to be ex-

amined at the next annual Conference meet at Dubuque on Monday at 2 o'clock, p. m., preceeding the session of Conference.

G. B. BOWMAN.

Appointments.—The minutes were read and corrected and Conference closed with singing, and prayer by David N. Smith. After an address by the Bishop, the appointments were read.

B. WAUGH.

HENRY W. REED, Secretary.

The following resolutions are on file among the papers but are not referred to in the Journal:

Resolved, That we consider the Sunday School cause worthy our most strenuous exertions and while we endeavor to raise in every neighborhood a Sunday School, where it is at all practicable, we, believing as we do that the Sunday School Advocate is a very important auxiliary to the Sunday School interests, will exert ourselves to have a copy taken in each family.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference, in making their financial reports, be required to report the amount of their allowance for table expenses, house rent and traveling expenses, and their claims for quarterage; and the amount received on each of the above claims.

WM. SIMPSON,

H. W. REED.

APPOINTMENTS**BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—ANDREW COLMAN, P. E.**

Burlington.....	David N. Smith
New London.....	Wm. Hulburt, M. H. Hare
Mt. Pleasant.....	Joel Arrington
North Fork Mission.....	J. W. B. Hewitt
Oskaloosa Mission.....	G. H. Jennison, A. Wright
Sigourney Mission.....	James F. New
Yellow Spring Mission.....	Joseph Jamison, J. C. Smith
Ft. Madison.....	L. B. Dennis
West Point.....	Michael See
Fairfield.....	John Hayden

BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—H. W. REED, P. E.

Bloomington Mission.....	John Harris
Grandview Mission.....	J. W. Maxon
Fairport and Cedar.....	J. B. Taylor, Asbury Collins
Pleasant Valley Mission.....	W. Simpson, Wm. Burriss
Iowa City Mission.....	Alcinus Young
Iowa Circuit Mission.....	E. W. Twining
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	John Walker
Bear Creek Mission.....	A. W. Johnson
Washington and Crawfordsville Mis....	D. Crawford, Laban Case

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—G. B. BOWMAN, P. E.

Dubuque City.....	Elisha S. Norris
Dubuque Circuit.....	Landon Taylor
Cascade.....	James W. Brier
Wapsepicon Mission.....	R. Swearingen
Colony Mission.....	To be supplied
Turkey River Mission.....	Eldridge Howard
Bellevue and South Fork Mis....	John H. Dennis, Samuel Farlow
Sabula Mission.....	George Larkins
Lynn Grove Mission.....	S. H. Greenup
Marion.....	D. Worthington

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—I. I. STEWART, P. E.

Keokuk.....	Benj. H. Russell
Farmington.....	One to be supplied, J. T. Colman

Keosauqua Mission.....	M. F. Shinn
Birmingham.....	Joseph Brooks, R. H. Harrison
Locust Grove Mission.....	T. M. Kirkpatrick
Ottumwa	J. B. Hardy
White Breast Mission.....	H. Gibson, Joseph Ockerman, Sup.
Soap Creek Mission.....	A. G. Pierce
Bloomfield Mission.....	M. S. Roberts, John Jay
Raccoon Fork Mission.....	J. Q. Hammond
Big Creek Mission.....	J. J. Buren, J. W. Taylor

Sunday School Statistics

APPOINTMENTS.	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Expenses for Year of Sch's Taken	S. S. Ad- vocates	Conver- sions
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.									
Burlington.....	1	27	125	550	2		\$ 5 00		
New London.....	7	35	600	900	3		4 00	40	10
Mt. Pleasant.....									
Clear Creek Mission.....	2	8	70	104	3	30	5 25		4
Washington Mission.....	1	6	40	60		20	4 00		
Crawfordsville.....									
Yellow Spring.....	9	88	408	934	1		41 38		3
Ft. Madison.....									
West Point.....	2	15	90	225	1		6 50		
Fairfield.....									
	22	179	1333	2773	10	50	\$66 13	40	17
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.									
Bloomington.....	1	11	70	250		10	\$		
Grandview Mission.....	3	15	150	300	3	65	15 00		
Fairport.....	4	27	83	280					
Pleasant Valley.....	4	24	101	345			14 50		
Cedar.....	1	8	40	40	2	10			
Iowa City.....	1	10	60	170	2	40	22 50		
Iowa Circuit.....	4	20	70	190			12 50		1
Cedar Rapids.....	3	25	50	284	3		6 40		
Bear Creek.....	1	8	25	100			10 00	10	
Marion.....	3	39	76	151	1	55	13 25	20	
	25	187	725	2110	11	180	\$94 15	30	1
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.									
Dubuque.....	2	40	160	500	14	60	\$40 00	21	10
Dubuque Circuit.....	3	21	83	313			15 00	30	
Delaware.....	7	36	140	195	3		12 00	5	2
Turkey River Mission.....	2	8	40	93	1			25	3
Bellevue.....	2	20	80	200	1		4 00		
Sabula.....	1	8	15	100					
Lynn Grove.....	3	17	56	67	1				
	20	139	574	1348	20	60	71 00	81	15
DES MOINES DISTRICT.									
Keokuk.....	4	70	334	399	19	139	\$66 65		
Farmington.....	3	31	135	109	2				4
Keosauqua.....	2	24	100	120			12 00		
Birmingham.....	10	97	450	325					
Locust Grove.....	2	12	75	185			5 45		
Ottumwa.....	2	16	90	186		25	15 00		
Oskaloosa Mission.....	3	16	150	220	3	45	16 00		
White Breast Mission.....	6	50	156		15		4 00		6
Bloomfield Mission.....	1	10	62	25	3	36			
Raccoon Fork.....	3	7	80						
Big Creek.....	3	10	75	42			2 81		
	39	343	1701	1611	42	245	121 91		10
RECAPITULATION.									
Burlington District.....	22	179	1333	2773	10	50	66 13	40	17
Bloomington District.....	25	187	725	2110	11	188	94 15	30	1
Dubuque District.....	20	139	574	1348	20	60	71 00	81	15
Des Moines District.....	39	343	1701	1611	42	245	121 91		10
Totals this year.....	107	848	4333	7842	83	543	353 19	151	43
Totals last year.....	83	640	3301	4567	42	32	275 87	206	53
Increase.....	24	208	1032	3275	41	511	95 32		
Decrease.....								55	10

Raised for benevolent purposes—Des Moines Dist.: Birmingham \$19.50, White Breast Mission. \$5.00; total \$24.50.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Missions Committee beg leave to report that, having taken the interests of the work under consideration, they consider the following places suitable and demanding to be made missionary ground, and requiring the appropriations made to them severally:

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.....	\$150.00
North Fork	60.00
Oskaloosa	100.00
Sigourney	75.00
	<u>\$385.00</u>

BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT	\$150.00
Bloomington	50.00
Grandview	50.00
Fairport and Cedar	50.00
Pleasant Valley	75.00
Iowa City	100.00
Iowa Circuit	50.00
Cedar Rapids	50.00
Bear Creek	50.00
Washington and Crawfordsville	75.00
	<u>\$700.00</u>

DUBUQUE DISTRICT	\$150.00
Colony	75.00
Wapsipinicon	40.00
Turkey River	50.00
Bellevue and South Fork	50.00
Sabula	50.00
Lynn Grove	50.00
Marion	25.00
	<u>\$490.00</u>

DES MOINES DISTRICT	\$150.00
Locust Grove	50.00
White Breast	100.00
Soap Creek	50.00
Bloomfield	100.00
Raccoon Fork	75.00
Big Creek	100.00
Keosauqua	50.00
	<u>\$675.00</u>

Total.....\$2250.00

I concur in the above appropriations.

B. WAUGH.

JOURNAL

MINUTES OF FIFTH SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

DUBUQUE, IOWA, August 23rd, 1848.

Conference convened in the M. E. church, city of Dubuque, at 8 o'clock a. m., August 23d, 1848.

Opening.—Bishop Morris being present opened the session with the usual religious services.

Roll Call.—The former Secretary was asked to call the roll, whereupon the following members responded to their names: Joel Arrington, Joseph Brooks, James W. Brier, G. B. Bowman, Andrew Colman, Asbury Collins, Samuel Clark, David Crawford, Laban Case, Levin B. Dennis, John H. Dennis, Stephen Greenup, Hugh Gibson, J. B. Hardy, J. W. B. Hewitt, John Hayden, Wm. Hulburt, Eldridge Howard, John Harris, M. H. Hare, R. H. Harrison, Allen W. Johnson, Geo. Jennison, John Jay, T. M. Kirkpatrick, J. L. Kelly, G. Larkins, J. W. Maxon, E. S. Norris, J. F. New, Jos. Ockerman, A. G. Pierce, M. Reeder, H. W. Reed, M. S. Roberts, I. I. Stewart, M. F. Shinn, D. N. Smith, M. See, R. Swearingen, Wm. Simpson, E. W. Twinning, J. B. Taylor, L. Taylor, D. Worthington, Jno. Walker, L. C. Woodford, Alcimus Young, T. C. Crawford. Total—49.

Secretary.—The Conference agreed to choose their secretary by ballot. At the first balloting a defect appearing in the manner of voting there was declared to be no election. On the second ballot Joseph Brooks was chosen secretary.

Time of Meeting.—The Conference resolved to meet at 8 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 12 m.

Committees.—Stewards.—E. S. Norris, M. F. Shinn and David Worthington were by ballot chosen Stewards of the Conference.

Committee on Necessitous Cases.—On motion the Board of Stewards were constituted a committee on necessitous cases.

Committee on Public Worship.—G. B. Bowman, E. S. Norris and Landon Taylor were appointed a committee on religious services.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—Bros. Young, Arrington and Smith were appointed a committee on Sunday Schools.

Mission Committee.—On motion the Presiding Elders were constituted the standing mission committee.

Bar.—It was agreed that a line ranging with the lamps furthest from the altar be the bar of Conference.

Third Question.—The committee of the first year being unable to report the third question was taken up: Who are admitted into full connection? Edward W. Twining, Stephen H. Greenup, George H. Jenison, Richard Swearingen, Asbury Collins and John W. Hewitt, whose term of probation in the Conference had expired, were invited forward and examined by the Bishop in the presence of the Conference. The reports of the committee and Presiding Elders being favorable they were all admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Drafts.—The Bishop announced that the Conference might draw on the Book Concern for \$400 and on the Chartered Fund for \$65. It was on motion agreed that we draw on said establishments for the above named amounts.

Book Accounts.—Neither of the book agents at New York being present Bros. Hayden and Jennison were appointed a committee to settle their accounts.

Fifth Question.—The committee on the third year not being ready to report the fifth question was taken up: Who are ordained elders this year?

E. S. Norris' Case.—The case of Bro. Norris being called it was moved that the Conference sit with closed doors during the examination of his character. Motion was lost. Bro. Bowman, Presiding Elder, stated that Bro. Norris had violated a resolution of the Conference of 1845 by connecting himself with secret societies. Bro. Norris admitted the existence of such connection and after some remarks he retired. After discussion of the case it was laid over and Bro. Norris called in.

Motion to Rescind Resolution on Secret Societies.—Moved and seconded that the resolution above referred to be rescinded. Pending the discussion of the resolution the hour of adjournment arrived.

Notices were given and Conference closed with prayer by T. M. Kirkpatrick.

Second Day

DUBUQUE, IOWA, August 24th, 1848.

Opening Services.—Conference met at 8 o'clock a. m., with Bishop Morris in the chair. Religious services were conducted by D. N. Smith. The journal was read and corrected.

Stewards' Call.—The Stewards having permission proceeded to make their call.

Book Agents Notice.—Bro. Swormstedt, one of our book agents from Cincinnati, then notified the Conference of his place and hours of doing business, and requested the brethren to be prompt in the adjustment of their accounts.

Kelly's Expenses.—Bro. Kelly, who was transferred from Indiana, one year ago presented through his Presiding Elder a claim of \$56.50 moving expenses. Whereupon it was moved and seconded that the claim be allowed; after some discussion the motion was withdrawn. It was then moved that the matter be referred to the committee on necessitous cases. Motion prevailed.

Second Question.—Who remain on trial? The case of J. C. Smith was called, his character passed, and he was continued on trial.

The case of James L. Colman being called it was asked if he had connected himself with the order of Odd Fellows; the question being answered affirmatively, the case was on motion laid over.

Bros. S. Farlows and J. Q. Hammond were called, their characters passed and they continued on trial.

Bro. Wm. Burriss's case was called, his character passed and he not having been before the committee was continued on trial subject to the first year's examination.

The names of Bros. Jos. Jamison and Ancil Wright were called, characters passed and they were continued on trial.

Fourth Question.—The fourth question was taken up: Who are the Deacons? The name of John Jay was called and his character passed.

Located.—Benjamin H. Russell having left his work, was on motion located.

James Brier, George Larkins, Michael See, Michael H. Hare,

John H. Dennis, Andrew G. Pierce and Robert H. Harrison were severally called and their characters passed.

On the call of Laban Case's name he was laid over for examination, not having been before the committee.

The names of John Harris and Landon Taylor were called and their characters passed.

Fifth Question.—Fifth question taken up: Who have been elected and ordained elders this year: The case of Martin S. Roberts being called it was on motion laid over. The name of Hugh Gibson was called, his character passed and he was elected to elder's orders. Jas. F. New, not having been before the committee, was passed as a deacon. Eldridge Howard, Joseph W. Maxon and John Walker were passed and elected to elder's orders.

Seventh Question.—Seventh question taken up. Who are the supernumerary preachers? The name of Joseph Ockerman called and after a few remarks upon his health and relation he retired. The case was on motion laid over.

Eighth Question.—Eighth question was taken up. Who are the superannuated preachers? Samuel Clark's name being called, he made some statements touching his health and relation, after which on motion his character was passed and his relation continued.

A recommendation of Horatio N. Wilbur being presented it was on motion laid over.

Transfer.—The Bishop presented an application from Thos. C. Crawford of the Indiana Conference for a transfer to this Conference. It was moved and seconded that the Bishop be requested to transfer him. Motion withdrawn. It was then on motion left discretionary with the Bishop.

G. Blue's Case.—Documents touching the case of Gilbert Blue, a local elder within the bounds of our Conference, being presented, the Conference appointed the Presiding Elder of the Burlington district and the preacher in charge of Mount Pleasant circuit a committee to demand the parchments of the above named Gilbert Blue.

On motion Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Kelly.

Third Day

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Friday, August 25, 1848.

Conference met at 8:00 a. m., Bishop Morris in the chair. Religious services led by M. F. Shinn.

Roll.—On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remainder of this session.

Elder's Orders.—The name of Laban Case laid over on yesterday was taken up and the report of the committee and Elder being favorable his character was passed and he elected to elder's orders.

Secret Societies.—On motion the resolution of Wednesday on secret societies was taken up. It was moved and seconded that the motion be taken without further debate. Motion lost.

The motion being read the discussion proceeded. After some remarks from Bros. Reed, Smith and Clarke, an amendment to the motion was offered by Bro. A. Young which was admitted by the mover. The motion as amended is as follows:

Moved and seconded that the resolution above referred to be rescinded, provided that nothing herein shall be so construed as to imply that this Conference approbates its members joining the masons and similar societies or associating with them as such.

On motion the vote was taken by ballot, and the motion lost by a vote of twenty-four to eighteen.

Resolution Adopted.—A resolution touching secret societies was adopted as follows: Resolved, That this Conference disapproves of its members speaking or lecturing publicly in opposition to Free Masonry or Odd Fellowship. H. W. REED.

Coleman Case.—On motion the case of Jas. T. Coleman was taken up, his character passed and he continued on trial.

Norris Case.—On motion the case of E. S. Norris, formerly laid over, was taken up, his character passed and he elected to elder's orders.

Roberts Case.—The case of Martin S. Roberts was taken up and objections being made, the case was referred to a committee of three, consisting of D. N. Smith, D. Worthington and E. W. Twining.

Effective Elders.—The characters of Andrew Colman, D. N.

Smith, Wm. Hulburt, Joel Arrington, John Hayden, L. B. Dennis and Henry W. Reed were examined and passed.

A bill for \$1.90 for stationery being presented was allowed and the stewards ordered to meet it.

Notices being given, Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Crawford.

Fourth Day

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Saturday, August 26th, 1848.

Conference met, Bishop Morris in the chair. The journal was read and approved.

Committees.—The committees of examination for 1849 were announced by Bishop Morris as follows: First year—D. Worthington, Wm. Simpson, T. M. Kirkpatrick. Second year—M. F. Shinn, D. Crawford, J. B. Taylor. Third year—Jos. Brooks, J. L. Kelly, John Hayden. Fourth year—A. Young, D. N. Smith, L. B. Dennis.

Report on Missions.—The report of the mission committee was presented and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The mission committee met during the session of Conference at Dubuque, consisting of the Presiding Elders, whereupon the following places were constituted missions with the appropriations set to them respectively.

H. W. REED, Secretary.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.....	\$150.00
North Fork	100.00
Sigourney	50.00
Fairfield.....	50.00
Locust Grove	50.00
	\$400.00
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT	\$150.00
Bloomington	50.00
Grandview	45.00
Cedar.....	30.00
Leclaire	50.00
Iowa City.....	75.00
Bear Creek.....	50.00
Washington	50.00
Crawfordsville	75.00
	\$575.00

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.....	\$150.00
Waps pinicon.....	45.00
Sabula	40.00
Marion	35.00
Lynn Grove.....	35.00
Colony	45.00
Turkey River	40.00
Yellow River.....	75.00
Andrew	35.00
	\$500.00
DES MOINES DISTRICT.....	\$100.00
Keosauqua.....	100.00
Knoxville	70.00
Ft. Des Moines	65.00
Albia	90.00
Keokuk	50.00
Farmington.....	50.00
	\$525.00
	Total.....\$2000.00

I concur in the above appropriation. THOS. A. MORRIS.

The examination of characters proceeded.

Effective Elders Passed.—The characters of J. B. Taylor, Alcinus Young, Wm. Simpson, A. W. Johnson, David Crawford, G. B. Bowman, David Worthington, J. L. Kelly, I. I. Stewart, M. F. Shinn and Joseph Brooks examined and passed.

Referred.—T. M. Kirkpatrick called. Some documents being presented touching this case a committee of three, consisting of D. Worthington, D. N. Smith and Alcinus Young was appointed to whom the papers were referred for examination and report.

Hardy Case.—The case of J. B. Hardy was called. After various remarks explanatory, he was on motion considered a member of the Conference and his character passed.

Local Orders.—Recommendations of local preachers for ordination being called for, Leonard Leadbrook of Burlington, Burlington District, Dennis Mason of Wapsipinicon Mission, Dubuque District, Isaac Apsy of Cascade circuit, Dubuque District and John Guylee of Keokuk, Des Moines District, were severally recommended and elected to deacon's orders.

The call being made for the recommendations of local deacons for elder's orders, the recommendation and certificate of Benjamine Holland of Westpoint, Burlington District, was presented and he elected to elder's orders. Lucas C. Woodford of

Cascade Circuit, Dubuque, was recommended, examined and elected to elder's orders.

Recommitted.—On motion the report of the Mission Committee was recommitted.

Deacon.—Bro. John Mann, German missionary of Dubuque, and member on probation in the Illinois Conference, being recommended to this Conference as a suitable person to be ordained deacon in the church, was on motion elected to deacon's orders, under the special rule pending for such cases. Book of Discipline, page 45.

Dubuque German Church.—Some remarks being made by the Bishop in behalf of the German church in Dubuque, on motion a collection was taken to aid in the completion of said church.

Ockerman Case.—On motion the case of Joseph Ockerman, previously laid over, was taken up, his character passed and he was made effective.

Committee on Education.—On motion a committee of three was appointed on education, consisting of A. Young, J. Brier and E. W. Twining.

Report in Roberts Case.—The committee in the case of Bro. Roberts reported that they found no real ground of complaint against him. The report was adopted, his character passed and he was elected to elder's orders.

REPORT IN CASE OF M. S. ROBERTS.

The committee to whom the case of M. S. Roberts was referred ask leave to report as follows: After hearing all the testimony presented in the case, your committee are of the opinion that there is no real ground for complaint against Bro. Roberts, for either immoral or imprudent conduct in the cases alluded to.

D. N. SMITH,
D. WORTHINGTON,
D. W. TWINING.

Resolution Adopted.—A resolution relating to complaints was adopted: Resolved, that no member of this Conference shall be permitted to arrest the passage of any brother's character without having given the accused brother previous notice of the complaint, or complaints against him. D. N. SMITH,

D. WORTHINGTON.

Accounts.—On motion the accounts of delinquents with the

New York Book Concern were referred to the Presiding Elders within whose bounds they were severally situated for collection.

Re-Admission.—Bro. Woodford being recommended for re-admission, was rejected and M. Reeder, being also recommended was re-admitted.

A call being made for unmarried men, Bro. John C. Tucker was presented but not admitted.

First Question.—Bro. Strange Brooks was recommended and received on trial.

On motion leave was given to any Presiding Elder in the Conference to employ J. C. Tucker.

Located.—On motion the case of H. N. Wilbur was taken up and he was re-admitted. He was on motion granted a location at his own request.

Statistics.—The Secretary called for the statistics, which call was responded to:

Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Prc's	Raised for Missions	For Am. Bib. Soc.
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.						
Burlington Station	200	13	2	2	\$13 00	\$-----
New London Circuit....	550	50	1	3	-----	20 00
Mt. Pleasant Circuit....	268	15	--	6	-----	-----
North Fork Mission.....	91	31	--	1	-----	-----
Oskaloosa Mission.....	259	112	--	5	-----	-----
Sigourney Mission.....	370	66	--	2	7 00	17 00
Yellow Springs.....	129	60	--	2	-----	-----
Ft. Madison.....	142	16	--	1	2 22	-----
West Point	216	20	--	3	-----	-----
Fairfield.....	280	30	--	4	15 12	-----
Total	2505	413	3	29	\$37 34	\$37 00
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.						
Bloomington Mission....	84	16	5	2	-----	-----
Grandview Mission	120	35	3	1	-----	-----
Fairport & Cedar Mis....	185	49	--	4	5 50	-----
Pleasant Valley Mis.....	153	17	--	1	22 86	20 00
Iowa City Mission.....	72	2	--	2	-----	-----
Iowa Circuit.....	115	5	--	5	-----	-----
Cedar Rapids Mis.....	63	31	--	--	1 95	-----
Bear Creek Mission.....	44	13	--	--	2 20	-----
Washington and Crawfordsville Mis....	216	79	--	3	-----	-----
Total	1052	247	8	18	\$32 51	\$20 00

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.

Dubuque City.....	268	45	4	1	72 25	-----
Dubuque Circuit.....	223	41	--	7	46 43	-----
Cascade.....	190	60	--	4	20 00	-----
Wapsipinicon Mis.	55	12	--	1	1 00	-----
Colony Mission.....	88	59	--	1	5 52	-----
Turkey River Mis.....	200	60	--	2	30 47	-----
Bellevue and South Fork Mission...	189	43	--	2	-----	-----
Sabula Mission.....	80	47	1	1	1 00	-----
Lynn Grove Mission....	118	47	--	2	1 00	-----
Marion Mission.....	95	57	--	--	5 50	-----
Total.....	1304	471	5	21	183 17	-----

DES MOINES DISTRICT.

Keokuk.....	114	7	--	--	-----	-----
Farmington.....	243	25	--	3	6 50	-----
Keosauqua Mission....	481	78	7	--	-----	-----
Birmingham.....	481	78	--	7	6 50	-----
Locust Grove Mis.....	270	150	--	6	1 70	-----
Ottumwa.....	216	108	--	5	10 00	-----
White Breast Mission...	353	52	5	3	3 38	-----
Soap Creek Mission....	107	35	--	2	2 00	-----
Bloomfield Mission....	370	50	2	5	-----	-----
Raccoon Fork Mission..	249	35	3	5	6 66	-----
Total.....	2884	618	17	36	\$36 74	-----

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS

Burlington District....	2505	413	3	29	\$37 34	\$37 00
Bloomington District..	1052	247	8	18	32 51	20 00
Dubuque District.....	1304	471	5	21	183 17	-----
Des Moines District....	2884	618	17	36	36 74	-----
Grand Total.....	7745	1749	33	104	289 76	57 00

Total this year—

White Members.....	7745
White Probationers.....	1749
Colored Probationers.....	33
Local Preachers.....	104

9631

Total last year

8537

Increase.....	1094
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T. M. Kirkpatrick Case.—The committee on Bro. Kirkpatrick's case reported the charge not sustained. On motion the report was adopted and his character passed.

D. B. Nichols' Case.—The case of D. B. Nichols, who had been suspended during the interval of Conference, was called, but the committee not being ready the case on motion was laid over.

Place of Next Session.—The Conference proceeded to fix the place of holding its next session. Ft. Madison in Lee county, Fairfield in Jefferson county, and Indian Prairie in Van Buren county were put in nomination. Fairfield in Jefferson county was chosen as the place of holding the next session of our Conference, August 8, 1849.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

Fifth Day

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Monday, August 27th, 1848.

Conference met, Bishop Morris in the chair. Religious services by Bro. Clark.

Re-Admission.—The Bishop stating that one more man might be stationed, the Conference on motion reconsidered the vote by which they rejected Lucas C. Woodford for want of room, and he was re-admitted.

Book Concern.—Bro. Swormstedt presented the report of the Western Book Committee and exhibit of the book agents which were filed with the Conference papers.

Ordinations.—The following brethren were ordained deacons, August 27, 1848: Edward Twining, George H. Jenison, Richard Swaengen, Asbury Collins, John W. B. Hewitt, Alexander Ross, William Roberts, William Jenkins, Dennison Mason, Isaac Apsy, John Mann, Oren Faribank, Samuel M. Barkford and James Bashford.

The following were ordained Elders, August 27, 1848: Elisha S. Norris, Hugh Gibson, Eldridge Howard, Joseph W. Maxon, Laban Case, John Walker, Martin S. Roberts, Peter Patterson and Lucas C. Woodford.

Book Accounts.—The claims of the Book Concern against the following brethren were referred for collection:

Claim against John Ruble to the Presiding Elder of Des Moines District.

Claim against S. W. Ingham and A. Bushnell to the Presiding Elder of Bloomington District.

Claim against Hardy and Knight to the Presiding Elder of Burlington District.

Claim against Bowman and Templin to the preacher at Iowa City.

Claim against F. P. Finke to the Presiding Elder of Des Moines District.

Claim against W. H. Bolander to the preacher stationed at Ft. Madison.

Claim against R. H. Hill to the preacher of Oskaloosa Circuit.

Book Agents' Circular.—A circular from the Book Agents at Cincinnati was presented with appropriate remarks by Bro. Swarmstedt.

Resolution.—A resolution touching the Western Christian Advocate was adopted: Resolved, that we recommend the reduction in price of the Western Christian Advocate to one dollar and fifty cents, invariably in advance, and we will exert our influence to extend its circulation, and would ask no "premium", except a discount of say 10 per cent., or the same as for collecting other periodical monies.

H. W. REED,
M. F. SHINN.

Book Concern.—At Bro. Swarmstedt's request the Secretary was instructed to furnish him an abstract from the Journal giving the Conference proceeding touching the Book Concern.

Transfer.—An application from Bro. J. Kirkpatrick of the Rock River Conference for a transfer to this in 1849 was presented and the Conference by a rising vote requested his transfer.

Place of Next Session.—On motion the Conference reconsidered the vote by which they determined to hold their next session at Fairfield, and Ft. Madison was chosen as the place for our next session.

Leave of Absence.—Leave of absence for a few moments was granted to Bro. Stewart.

Sunday School Report.—The Sunday School Committee reported. Report adopted.

Necessitous Cases.—Necessitous Committee reported. Report adopted. (Missing.)

Steward's Report.—Steward's reported. On motion the report was adopted.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Question 14—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? \$5161.40.

Question 15—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? Book Concern, \$400.00; chartered fund, \$65.00; fifth collection, \$29.82; total, \$494.82.

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Bishop Hedding.....	\$ 11 21	H. N. Wilbur.....	\$ 37 05
Bishop Waugh.....	11 21	R. H. Harrison.....	5 40
Bishop Morris.....	11 21	J. Ockerman.....	87 40
Bishop Hamline.....	11 21	A. G. Pierce.....	20 41
Bishop Janes.....	13 26	J. Bowen.....	13 00
Widow Roberts.....	3 45	J. W. Walker.....	11 00
J. Hayden.....	13 00	S. Clark.....	113 80
J. B. Taylor.....	17 50	Widow Knight.....	41 00
J. W. Walker.....	23 75	Stationery.....	2 25
A. W. Johnson.....	17 40		
J. L. Kelly.....	30 31	Total.....	\$ 494 82

Report on Education.—A verbal report was made by the Committee on Education, which was received and the committee discharged.

Nichol's Case.—On motion the case of D. B. Nichol was taken up. Moved and seconded that he have leave to withdraw under censure.

An amendment was offered and admitted, the motion as amended reads as follows: Resolved, That it is the sense of the Conference that D. B. Nichol is withdrawn under censure.

After various remarks the motion was withdrawn.

Leave of Absence.—G. B. Bowman obtained leave of absence for a few moments.

Nichol's Case.—The Committee proceeded in the case of Nichol to give the charge, specifications and testimony.

First charge, falsehood. First, second and third specifications sustained. Charge sustained.

Second charge, maladministration. First and second specifications sustained. Charge sustained.

On motion D. B. Nichols was expelled.

Resolution.—A resolution tending our thanks to the citizens was presented and adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Conference is hereby most cordially tendered to our members and friends in this city and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner with which we have been received and entertained during this session of Conference and they may be assured of a kind remembrance in our prayers.

H. W. REED,
J. L. KELLY.

On motion a copy of said resolution was requested for publication in the city papers and in the pulpits of this place.

Time of Examination.—On motion the committees and classes were requested to meet at Ft. Madison on the Monday last preceeding the next sitting of our Conference at 2 o'clock p. m.

Course of Study.—On motion that portion of the course only which is positively enjoined was considered obligatory upon the classes.

Missionary Society.—On motion the Conference resolved itself into a missionary society.

Fasting.—A resolution on fasting was adopted: Resolved, that the fourth Friday of October next be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer for the prosperity of our beloved Zion, and that we request our people therein to join us.

ANDREW COLEMAN,
L. B. DENNIS.

Publication.—On motion the Secretary was requested to forward for publication matters of general interest from the Conference proceeding at his discretion.

Journal.—The journal was then read and corrected preparatory to the announcement of the appointments.

Adjournment.—Singing and prayer by Bishop Morris, after which the appointments were read and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

THOS. A. MORRIS.

JOS. BROOKS, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS**BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—ANDRÉW COLMAN, P. E.**

Burlington.....	David N. Smith
New London.....	M. H. Hare, Joseph Jamison
Mt. Pleasant.....	L. B. Dennis
North Fork Mission.....	James F. New
Locust Grove Mission.....	T. M. Kirkpatrick
Sigourney Mission.....	Michael See
Yellow Spring.....	J. B. Hardy, J. T. Coleman
Ft. Madison.....	Wm. Hulburt
West Point.....	G. H. Jennison
Fairfield.....	John Hayden, J. C. Smith

BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—H. W. REED, P. E.

Bloomington City Mission.....	John Harris
Grandview Mission.....	Wm. Burriss
Cedar Mission.....	Wm. Simpson
Davenport.....	J. B. Taylor
Leclaire Mission.....	J. W. Maxon
Iowa City Mission.....	Alcinus Young
West Liberty.....	David Crawford
Cedar Rapids.....	Asbury Collins
Bear Creek Mission.....	Richard Swearingen
Washington.....	E. W. Twining
Crawfordsville Mission.....	John Walker

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—G. B. BOWMAN, P. E.

Dubuque City.....	E. S. Norris, One to be supplied
Dubuque Circuit.....	Landon Taylor
Colony Mission.....	John L. Kelly
Turkey River Mission.....	S. H. Greenup
Yellow River Mission.....	To be supplied
Cascade.....	Eldridge Howard
Wapsipinicon Mission.....	Samuel Farlow
Marion.....	D. Worthington
Lynn Grove Mission.....	Lucas C. Woodford
Andrew.....	Micajah Reeder
Bellevue.....	John H. Dennis
Maquoketa.....	James W. Brier
Sabula.....	George Larkins

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—I. I. STEWART, P. E.

Keokuk Mission.....	Thomas C. Crawford
Farmington Mission.....	M. S. Roberts, S. Brooks
Keosauqua Mission.....	M. F. Shinn, John Jay
Bloomfield	A. W. Johnson
Albia Mission.....	A. G. Pierce, J. Ockerman
Knoxville Mission.....	H. Gibson, R. H. Harrison
Ft. Des Moines Mission.....	J. Q. Hammond, J. W. B. Hewitt
Oskaloosa Mission.....	Ancil Wright
Ottumwa	Joel Arrington
Birmingham.....	Joseph Brooks, L. Case

Sunday School Statistics

APPOINTMENTS.	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Expenses of Sch's for Year	Raised for beny. pur.	S. S. Ad- vocates taken.	Conver- sions
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.										
Burlington.....	1	31	200	800	4	---	\$56 16	\$	---	12
New London	9	64	556	1158	69	69	64 50	---	---	35
Mt. Pleasant	1	12	75	90	---	---	10 00	---	---	---
North Fork Mission.....	3	25	80	420	5	40	26 50	---	---	---
Oskaloosa Mission.....	9	66	280	613	---	---	15 00	---	10	---
Sigourney Mission.....	4	24	100	500	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow Spring	9	45	167	645	4	15	20 30	---	139	---
Ft. Madison	2	38	135	250	12	54	15 00	3 27	20	6
West Point	4	25	125	225	2	25	23 00	---	---	---
Fairfield	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	42	330	1078	4701	106	205	230 46	3 27	169	53
BLOOMINGTON DIST.										
Bloomington.....	1	31	200	800	4	---	\$56 16	\$	---	12
Grandview Mission.....	4	25	166	230	---	---	---	---	---	2
Fairport and Cedar Mission.....	5	56	190	---	1	---	16 90	---	---	3
Pleasant Valley Mission.....	3	20	86	280	1	---	---	---	25	---
Iowa City Mission.....	1	14	56	130	2	---	6 00	---	2	---
Iowa Circuit.....	3	13	86	170	1	---	---	---	10	---
Cedar Rapids Mission	3	24	61	287	2	20	1 94	---	---	---
Bear Creek Mission.....	2	9	30	100	---	---	5 00	---	---	---
Washington and Crawfordsville Mission	2	12	60	160	---	---	---	---	---	---
	24	204	935	2157	11	20	\$83 25	1 94	37	17
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.										
Dubuque.....	2	44	216	839	6	40	\$75 49	7 00	7	12
Dubuque Circuit	6	39	208	675	8	---	43 80	---	---	---
Cascade.....	7	26	175	350	2	---	25 00	---	---	7
Wapsipinicon Mission.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Colony Mission.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Turkey River Mission.....	6	48	118	261	4	---	11 00	---	2	---
Bellevue & South Fork Mis.....	5	35	122	340	6	35	17 00	---	50	---
Sabula Mission.....	2	9	25	90	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lynn Grove Mission	5	37	141	355	10	---	23 50	1 00	10	10
Marion Mission	3	31	103	253	1	---	11 00	---	---	5
	36	269	1108	3163	27	85	216 79	8 00	69	34
DES MOINES DISTRICT.										
Keokuk.....	1	20	120	200	---	---	\$25 00	\$	41	---
Farmington.....	7	60	295	300	---	---	---	---	10	---
Keosauqua Mission.....	1	12	60	100	2	15	---	---	---	3
Birmingham	14	135	644	1734	---	24	62 16	---	---	2
Locust Grove	1	7	60	140	---	---	11 87	1 70	---	---
Ottumwa.....	2	15	75	100	7	10	---	---	---	---
White Breast Mission.....	6	70	219	398	17	126	7 75	---	---	3
Soap Creek Mission.....	3	13	71	100	---	21	---	---	---	3
Bloomfield Mission.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Raccoon Fork.....	5	51	220	144	---	14	19 80	---	---	---
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RECAPITULATION.										
Burlington District	42	330	1078	4701	106	203	230 46	3 27	169	53
Bloomington District	24	204	935	2157	11	20	83 25	1 94	37	17
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Des Moines District	40	385	1764	3216	27	210	126 79	1 70	51	11
Totals this year.....	142	1186	4885	13237	175	518	457 29	15.01	326	115
Totals last year.....	109	751	4591	8242	84	438	392 00	24.00	149	43
Increase.....	33	435	294	4995	87	80	65 29	---	177	72
Decrease.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8 99	---	---
The numbers for the previous year, in the above recapitulation are not correct. The true figures are give below:										
Total this year.....	142	1186	4885	13237	175	518	457 29	15.01	326	115
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Increase.....	35	338	552	5395	92	---	104 10	---	175	72
Decrease.....	---	---	---	---	---	25	---	8.49	---	---

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MINUTES OF SIXTH SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

FORT MADISON, IOWA, August 8th, 1849.

The Iowa Annual Conference commenced its sixth session at Fort Madison, Lee county, August 8th, 1849.

Opening.—Bishop Janes being present opened the session by reading the Holy Scriptures, singing and prayer. He then gave us an interesting address on our peculiar situation, and the necessity of cultivating a train of religious feelings, as also a sanctified deportment, and devoting our leisure time to holy, religious exercises.

Roll.—The former Secretary was then called upon to read the roll, whereupon the following brethren appeared and took their seats: Joel Arrington, Joseph Brooks, Geo. B. Bowman, Andrew Coleman, Asbury Collins, Samuel Clarke, David Crawford, Laban Case, T. C. Crawford, L. B. Dennis, John H. Dennis, Hugh Gibson, Stephen Greenup, J. B. Hardy, J. W. B. Hewitt, John Hayden, Wm. Hulburt, Eldredge Howard, John Harris, M. H. Hare, R. H. Harrison, A. W. Johnson, G. H. Jernison, J. Jay, T. M. Kirkpatrick, J. L. Kelly, George Larkins, J. W. Maxon, J. McDowell, E. S. Norris, J. F. New, J. Ockerman, A. G. Pierce, H. W. Reed, M. S. Roberts, M. Reeder, I. I. Stewart, M. F. Shinn, D. N. Smith, M. See, R. Swearengen, Wm. Simpson, E. W. Twining, J. B. Taylor, Landon Taylor, D. Worthington, John Walker, L. C. Woodford, A. Young. [The attendance is not marked.]

Secretary.—Conference then proceeded to elect a Secretary, which on motion was done by ballot. H. W. Reed was declared to be elected, having received a majority of the votes cast.

Transfer.—The Bishop then presented the transfer of Bro. McDowell from the Ohio Conference, and also introduced him to this Conference when he took his place as a member of this body.

Tract Committee.—A committee on tracts was ordered, consisting of John Harris, J. L. Kelly and Joel Arrington, to which a circular of the Bishop on that subject was referred.

Hours of Meeting.—Conference fixed the time of its meeting to be at 8:00 o'clock a. m., and its adjournment at 12:00 m.

Committee on Public Worship.—The Presiding Elder of this district and the preacher of this station were made a committee on divine service.

Stewards.—On motion, a committee of Stewards was ordered, and Bros. Brooks, Worthington and L. B. Dennis were constituted the Stewards of the Conference. On motion they were also made the committee on necessitous cases.

Sunday School Committee.—A committee was ordered on the Sabbath school cause and Bros. Young, Simpson and Harrison were elected. A circular was received from the corresponding secretary of the Sabbath School Union, read and referred to said committee.

Sunday School Anniversary.—A circular on the subject of a Sabbath school anniversary was presented and referred to the committee on divine service.

Post Office Committee.—A committee on post offices was also ordered and Bros. Twining and Hardy were elected.

New York Book Concern.—A committee on the New York book concern was ordered, and Landon Taylor, John Hayden and G. H. Jennison were elected.

Committee on Missions.—A committee on missions, consisting of five, were ordered, whereupon D. N. Smith, J. Brooks, S. Clark, Joel B. Taylor and Thos. Kirkpatrick were elected.

Committee on Education.—A committee on education was ordered, consisting of five, when A. Young, M. H. Hare, Bro. Kelly, Laban Case and John Harris were elected.

Sanctity of the Sabbath.—A communication was received from the corresponding committee of the late convention of the Baptist ministers of the state of Iowa on the subject of a convention to be called for the purpose of securing the proper sanctity of the Sabbath within the bounds of our state. A committee was ordered on the Sanctity of the Sabbath day, and Joseph Brooks, John Dennis, E. Howard, D. Crawford and H. Gibson were elected, to whom was referred the above communication.

Bar.—The bar of the Conference was then on motion fixed to the second row of posts.

Second Question.—The second question was then taken up: Who remain on trial? Strange Brooks was considered and continued on trial.

Introduced.—Bro. T. C. Crawford was introduced to the Conference as a transfer from the Indiana Conference, whereupon he took his seat as a member of this body.

Fourth Question.—The fourth question was then taken up: Who are the deacons? Bro. Twining was considered and passed. The case of Bro. Woodford was here referred to and taken up, whereupon the following resolution passed the Conference: Whereas, Bro. Woodford was through mistake presented and returned as readmitted, that he now take his place on the minutes — [Balance of resolution not decipherable.]

Introduced.—Bro. Crandall of St. Louis, and President Wentworth of Lebanon, Ills., were introduced by the Bishop to the Conference.

Fourth Question.—Bro. Greenup's name was called; he was not present at the examination; his Presiding Elder represented him and was passed, and Conference instructed that he pass the three years course of study next year. Bro. Jamison's case was presented and passed. Richard Swearingen was reported and passed; as also A. Collins and J. W. B. Hewitt.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was taken up. John Jay was presented, passed and elected to deacon's orders. Bro. Jas. W. Brier was represented as having gone to California. A motion was made that a location be granted him at his own request, and that he be returned on the minutes as located, which was passed. George Larkins was passed and elected to elder's orders. Michael See, John Dennis, A. G. Pierce, Robert H. Harrison, Jas. F. New, John Harris and L. Taylor were severally passed and elected.

Eighth Question.—The eighth question was taken up, and Bro. Clark's case was taken up during remarks. On motion Dr. Elbert was requested to state to the Conference his views of Bro. Clark's health. On motion he was continued in a superannuated relation.

Third Question.—The third question was taken up, when the class was called and examined before the Conference and impressively urged by the President to the manner of fulfilling their peculiar vows and obligations as ministers of Christ.

On motion Conference adjourned with singing, and prayer by Bro. Crandall.

Second Day

FORT MADISON, IOWA, August 9th, 1849.

Conference opened by prayer by Pres. Wentworth. The minutes were then read and corrected.

Report of New York Book Concern.—Circulars were read on the condition of the Book Concern at New York. The Bishop gave notice that we might draw on the Book Concern for \$300, which on motion was drawn. He also stated that we might draw on the chartered fund for \$65. After some remarks on the subject, on motion the draft was ordered.

Committee on Periodicals.—On motion a committee of three on periodicals was ordered. Bros. Stewart, Young and Brooks were nominated. On motion the committee was increased to seven; Bros. Worthington, Bowman, Hare and Simpson were added.

Resolution.—A resolution was presented and ordered to go before the committee as follows: Resolved, That the committee on periodicals be and are hereby instructed to enquire into the propriety of publishing at some point within bounds a weekly sheet to be dominated Upper Mississippi Christian Advocate.

Stewards' Call.—The Stewards made their call on the Conference.

Assistant Secretary.—On motion L. Taylor was appointed assistant Secretary of the Conference.

Third Question.—The third question of the minutes was taken up. Bro. Ancil Wright was admitted, as he had been previously ordained deacon. William Barrow's name was called and he was discontinued at his own request. J. Q. Hammond's name was called, represented and admitted. He had been previously ordained. Samuel Farlow was also reported, admitted and elected. James T. Coleman was admitted and elected. J. C. Smith was represented as having during the year joined the institution of masonry. After remarks he was not admitted. A motion was made that he be continued on trial and be admonished by his presiding elder. Carried. Jos. Jamison was admitted, being previously ordained deacon.

Book Agent Introduced.—Bro. Power, one of the book agents at Cincinnati, was introduced to the Conference and made some remarks on the state of the book concern.

Effective Elders Examined.—The question of effective elders was taken up. A. Coleman gave the state of his district and passed. D. N. Smith, L. B. Dennis, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, Joshua B. Hardy, William Hulburt and John Hayden were passed. H. W. Reed gave an account of his district; character passed. Wm. Simpson, Joel B. Taylor, J. W. Maxon, A. Young, David Crawford and John Walker were passed. Geo. B. Bowman gave an account of his district and was passed.

Notices were then given and Conference closed with prayer by Bro. Brooks.

Third Day

FT. MADISON, IOWA, August 10th, 1849.

Friday morning at 8:00 Conference opened by usual exercises by L. B. Dennis. Minutes were read and corrected.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was taken up and Bro. Hare, who was not present at his class, was represented and having been examined since by his committee and reported by his Presiding Elder, he was elected elder.

Examination Effective Elders.—The examination of effective elders was continued. E. S. Norris' name was called, his character passed, and he requested to be located. On motion his request was granted. E. L. Kelly, E. Howard and D. Worthington were severally passed. M. Reeder's name was called, character passed, and it having been stated by Bro. J. Dennis that he desired a location unless he could have a work close to his home, whereupon on motion he was granted a location at his own request.

The examination of effective elders was continued. Bro. Stewart's name was called, gave an account of his district, after remarks by the preachers he was passed. The names of Bros. T. C. Crawford, M. S. Roberts, M. F. Shinn, A. W. Johnson, Jos. Ockerman, Hugh Gibson, Joel Arrington, Jos. Brooks and Laban Case was passed.

Introduced.—Bros. Barth and Walters were introduced to the Conference. On motion the former was permitted to address the Conference on the subject of Bro. Jacoby's mission to Germans and tracts to aid him. On motion the committee on tracts

was ordered to take into consideration the remarks made by Bro. Barth.

Resolution.—A resolution was introduced as follows by Bro. D. N. Smith. Whereas, the members of the German Methodist Episcopal church in Burlington, Iowa, have exerted themselves faithfully in the formation of a society, which the Lord has been pleased to favor with a good increase of numbers, deep piety and religious influence; and whereas, said society after contributing liberally and using much industry are involved some six hundred dollars for the erection of a good and substantial house of worship. Therefore, Resolved, That each member of this Conference are respectfully requested to lift a collection in their respective charges wherever it is practicable, and forward the same to the postmaster in Burlington to be applied in liquidating the above mentioned debt.

D. N. SMITH,
A. COLEMAN.

The above resolution was amended by inserting "the preachers of Burlington and Des Moines district" and strike out the word "practicable." The resolution as amended was adopted.

Local Orders.—Local preachers recommended for deacon's orders were called for, when Peter Walker was presented from Des Moines district, who was elected, as also was James Wishard. Jos. Paschal was presented from the Bloomington district and elected. Alexander Bushnell was also elected. S. W. Ingham was presented but not elected. Chas. Woolsey and John D. Walker from the Des Moines district were elected.

Restoration of Parchments.—On motion Conference ordered Bro. Coleman to restore the credentials of Gilbert Blue, he having been restored by the Mt. Pleasant quarterly conference to his official standing in the church. The case of Joseph Welsh, for restoration of his parchments, was presented and after remarks, on motion the presiding elder withdrew the recommendation.

On Stationing Preachers.—A resolution was here presented as follows: Resolved, That the president of this Conference be respectfully requested to move the preachers who during the past year were in stations to circuits and missions, and fill their places with other brethren of the Conference.

D. N. SMITH,
L. CASE.

It was moved to lay it on the table and lost. After remarks the resolution was lost.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. D. Crawford.

Fourth Day

FT. MADISON, IOWA, August 11th, 1849.

Conference opened with religious exercises by Bro. Walker. The roll was called and minutes read and corrected.

Local Deacon.—Bro. Coleman presented the name and recommendation of Bro. Elza Houghland to be ordained a deacon. He was elected.

Place of Next Session.—The Conference then proceeded to fix the place of the next session of our Annual Conference. On motion to be done by ballot. Burlington, Davenport, Keosauqua, Fairfield and Iowa City were severally nominated and represented. On motion a majority of votes was required to fix the place. Fairfield having a majority, was declared to be the place of our next Conference; the time, August 7th, 1850. Bishop Hamline to be the president.

Missionary Collections.—Conference proceeded to fix the time of taking up the missionary collections for the conference year. On motion the second quarter of the Conference was fixed. On motion the Secretary was instructed to publish such resolution as may be necessary to the carrying out of our plans.

Order of Conference Roll.—The following resolution was presented and passed: Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be requested to enter the names of the members on the Conference roll according to seniority in the itinerant ministry.

On motion Bros. Hare and L. Taylor were made a committee to report to the Secretary so that he can enter the names according to resolution.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards made their report, which on motion was adopted. On motion they were instructed to apply the balance for contingent expenses; they were instructed to furnish the Bishop a copy for the General Minutes.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Whole claim of preachers in Conference	\$11684 53		
Receipts	6240 28		
Deficiency	\$ 5444 25		
Collections to meet deficiency—			
Fifth collection	\$ 12 82		
Chartered fund	65 00		
Book Concern	300 00		
	\$ 377 82		
Disbursed as follows:—			
Bishop Hedding	\$ 11 21	A. G. Pierce	\$ 30 00
Bishop Waugh	11 21	H. Gibson	17 00
Bishop Morris	11 21	R. H. Harrison	17 29
Bishop Hamline	11 21	S. Clark	88 00
Bishop Janes	14 24	J. McDowell	50 00
Widow Roberts	3 45	Sister Knight	35 00
J. Hayden	20 00		
M. Reeder	36 00		
J. Ockerman	22 00		
		Total	\$ 377 82

Sunday School Report.—The committee on Sabbath schools reported, which report was adopted. On motion the committee was instructed to report a subscription and the condition and objects of the fund raised.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath schools appointed at the Conference held at Ft. Madison, August 8th, 1849, beg leave to report:

From the returns presented from the different charges there has been manifested an increased exertion and greater efficiency on the part of the preachers in this important department of our work. There remains, however, much room for improvement. And the great importance of training the infant mind in the principles of virtue and religion calls for increased activity on the part of the members of this Conference. In prosecuting the work in this distant land down to the present the preachers have labored under very great difficulty for the want of a depository of Sunday school books within our bounds. The committee would therefore recommend the following course in view of establishing a depository of Sunday School books at Burlington, Iowa. First, raise by subscription, donation or otherwise as large an amount as possible for a capital stock on which to begin. Which stock and all subsequent additions and the profits arising from the same shall be owned and held by the said Conference devoted to the Sunday school enterprise. Secondly, the Presiding Elder of the Burling-

ton District and the preacher in charge of Burlington station shall be the agents of the Conference for the transaction of the business of the depository. The said agents shall hold the property in trust for the Conference and be responsible to the Conference for the proper management of the same. It shall be the duty of said agents to receive all the monies subscribed, donated and contributed; they shall buy and sell all the books and transact all the business coming within the perview of such agency and make a full report of their proceedings to each session of the annual Conference. Third, The preacher on New London circuit or——— of the city of Burlington, be and are hereby constituted a committee to audit the accounts of the agents and take an inventory of the books within one month next preceding the session of the annual Conference and forward a full statement of the financial condition of the depository to the Conference at each annual session of the same. Fourth, A book shall be opened by subscription; each subscriber shall pledge himself for the payment of ten dollars, more or less, (to be collected from his work) and pay over or send same to the agents at Burlington on or before the first day of January next.

Resolved, That the secretary shall call the list of preachers and enter the name of each preacher who will pledge himself as above provided.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALCINUS YOUNG, Chairman.

FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION.

We, the subscribers, do agree to pay to the Presiding Elder of Burlington district on or before the first day of January, 1850, the sums placed opposite our names, for the purpose of establishing a Sunday school depository within the bounds of the Iowa Annual Conference. Provided, the sum of —— dollars be subscribed to this paper.

Edmund S. Janes, \$10.00 (pd).

Report on Education.— The committee on education made the following report, which was amended by saying that the trustees shall have no power to man pecuniary responsibility without the consent of the Conference. On motion the report was recommitted to the committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education appointed by the Iowa Annual Conference at its session held in Ft. Madison, August 8, 1849, beg leave to report:

That, in the opinion of the committee, the cause of education is intimately identified with the progress of christianity, the suc-

cess and perpetuity of the church and the glory of the Redeemer's kingdom; and may, therefore be emphatically called the cause of God, and therefore as a conference of christian ministers we are in duty bound zealously to promote the diffusion of knowledge. The wants of the west and especially of the state within the bounds of which we operate, call for united persevering effort on our part in this great enterprise. And, whereas, a valuable property devoted to the cause of education has by the good providence of God, been offered to the acceptance and control of this Conference. Therefore,

Resolved, first— That the Iowa Annual Conference do gratefully receive the proposition on the part of the trustees of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, to donate the said institution to the control and patronage of the Iowa Annual Conference, and that the Presiding Elder of Burlington district and preachers in charge of Burlington, New London, Fairfield and Mt. Pleasant be appointed a committee on the part of this Conference, with full power to consummate the agreement with the said trustees as soon as possible.

Resolved, second—That in case it shall be found necessary to appoint a new board of trustees, in order to secure the property to the Conference, the said committee are hereby authorized and empowered to make such appointment, and to fill all vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the charter, who shall hold their office until the next session of the Iowa Annual Conference, or until their successors are appointed.

Resolved, third— That said committee be and are hereby appointed a board of control, to act under and be subject to the instructions of the Iowa Annual Conference, which board of control shall be elected annually by the Conference. And the said board of control are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any agreement with the trustees aforesaid in regard to any repairs or improvements necessary to be made in order to the efficient operation of the school, until the next session of the Iowa Annual Conference. Provided, they do not involve the Conference in any pecuniary responsibilities; and provided further, that the trustees of said institute do not involve the corporation or institute in any debt without and beyond the consent of the board of control.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALCINUS YOUNG,
JOHN L. KELLY,
D. WORTHINGTON,
L. CASE,
M. H. HARE.

Instructions to Stewards.—On motion the Stewards were instructed to pay the subscription of Bro. Reeder to the Advocate to the book agent. The Stewards were instructed to pay the amount of Bro. Ockerman to Bro. Power.

Stewards' Report Recommitted.—The motion by which the report of the Stewards was adopted was reconsidered and re-committed, with instructions to consider the claim of Bro. McDowell.

Located.—Bro. Martin S. Roberts requested by his Presiding Elder a location, which on motion was granted.

Introduced.—Rev. Mr. Williams of the Presbyterian church was introduced to the Conference, and on motion he was granted the privilege of addressing the Conference on the subject of Sabbath schools.

Tract Report.—The committee on tracts reported. Report amended by having the time fixed for collections for September and October, which was admitted by the Conference. Report adopted.

REPORT ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

Iowa Conference, Ft. Madison, Aug. 10, 1849.

The Committee to whom the Tract Cause was referred, beg leave to report as follows:

Struck with the importance of the work to which our minds have been directed, we most cheerfully hail any means that may tend to the diffusion of religious knowledge. We rejoice to learn that means are preparing by which to pour a flood of light into Germany. And happy will it be for us as a nation if that fountain of popery, neology, rationalism and sin, which is pouring its polluting streams into our happy land, can be sealed up in its native home.

The committee think that the plan suggested by our Bishops, in their report, admirable and worthy of our adoption. How delightful the thought that, upon many occasions, a tract found by the wayside has been instrumental in turning the feet of the traveler into the way of life. A tract put into the hand of a child may become the instrument by which a whole family may be saved. The blasphemer, while engaged in rudely insulting the Sovereign of the Skies, has, by a tract, been led to tremble for his safety; and humbly falling at the throne of grace, has sought and happily found the mercy of a pardoning God.

Entertaining these views, your committee would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That each preacher shall bring the tract cause before his people at the earliest opportunity in the months of September and October.

Resolved, 2nd, That he either carry out the plan laid down by the Bishop, or lift a collection, as the nature of the case may suggest.

Resolved, 3rd, That we establish a tract depot in connection with the Sunday School depot for the accommodation of the Conference.

Resolved, 4th, That it shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to see to the purchase of tracts according to the amount of money received, and see to their distribution.

Resolved, 5th, That we take up the German Tract Cause with lively interest.

Resolved, 6th, That each preacher raise \$2.00 by the second quarterly Conference of the ensuing year for the German work, to be paid in to the Presiding Elders, and by them transmitted to the Book Concern for the use of Bro. Jacoby.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HARRIS, Chairman.

Report on Periodicals.—The report on periodicals was presented and adopted; blanks filled. On motion Bros. D. N. Smith, A. Young, D. Worthington and Jos. Brooks were appointed a committee. Bros. Brooks and Smith were appointed to meet the Conferences. Bro. Brooks was nominated to meet the delegates from other Conferences. A motion was made that the place be fixed at Dubuque. Motion lost. On motion the blanks were filled with these words: At such time and place as the delegates may agree upon. The presiding elder of Dubuque district and the preacher in charge in Dubuque city were added to the committee to meet the Conferences.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals present the following as their report:

They have, as far as time would allow, considered well the important duties devolved upon them. The present age is emphatically a reading age—"of making many books there is no end." The presses throughout the land are teeming with periodical issues. These all present an extensive gradation of merit and demerit; yet no one, we suppose, will question the wonderful power of the periodical press in fashioning public taste and morals.

Your committee at least, seeing and feeling this, cannot but regret that to this hour the vast family of Methodists in this North-

western valley are without any medium of direct communication through periodical issues.

Your committee, having considered the subject of a Conference paper, as referred to them by resolution of this body, would not deny the possibility of succeeding, should we engage in the enterprise single-handed; yet this, we are persuaded, would not meet the wants of the vast valley.

Your committee think it very desirable to unite the entire five Northwestern Conferences, viz.: Illinois, Rock River, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri, in this grand enterprise, and would therefore recommend:

1st. The appointment of a select committee, to be composed of one brother from each of the four districts within our bounds, whose duty it shall be to prepare a circular to each of the Conferences above named, at their next session, setting forth our views and wishes on this subject.

2nd. That a committee of two be appointed, one of whom at least shall attend the next session of each of the Conferences named, for the purpose of presenting the above named circular, and more fully to set forth the views and wishes of this Conference.

3rd. That one delegate be chosen by this body to meet in conjunction with similar delegations from each of the other Conferences; to meet at such time and place as the delegates may determine, for the purpose of selecting a point on the Mississippi River as a location for the publication of an Upper Mississippi Christian Advocate.

4th. That should the arrangements succeed with any or all the Conferences, and the place of publication be fixed, our delegate be clothed with authority to act in conjunction with the other delegates as a Publishing Committee, whose duty it shall be to make all the necessary arrangements, and carry into effect the wishes of the several Conferences in the case.

[Signed]

I. I. STEWART, Chairman.

Committee on Missions.—The Conference resolved itself into a committee on the subject of missions, after transacting its business.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Reed.

Ordinations.—Persons ordained on Sabbath:

Elders—John Jay, George Larkins, Michael See, Michael H. Hare, John H. Dennis, Andrew G. Pierce, Robt. H. Harrison, Jas. F. New, John Harris, Landon Taylor, Alexander Bushnell, Chas. Woolsey, John D. Walker, Benj. Holland. I hereby certify that the above named persons were by me ordained Elders

in the M. E. church on yesterday, August 12, 1849.

Done at Ft. Madison, Iowa.

[Signed] EDMUND S. JANES.

Deacons—James T. Colman, Samuel Farlow, Peter Walker, Leonard Ledbrook, Elza Houghland, Pierce T. Rhodes, Daniel N. Wright and James Wishard. I hereby certify that the above named persons were by me ordained Deacons in the M. E. church on yesterday, August 12, 1849.

Done at Ft. Madison, Iowa.

[Signed] EDMUND S. JANES.

Third Day

FORT MADISON, IOWA, August 13th, 1849.

Conference met and was opened with religious services by Bro. Clark. Roll was called and minutes read and corrected.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards stated that they had a small fund in hand, which was on motion put into the hands of the committee on necessitous cases.

Powers of an Annual Conference.—The following resolution was adopted: Whereas, There seems to have been a difference of opinion among the members of this Conference on the right of an Annual Conference to direct the members of its body as to the propriety of action by a resolution, and also what should be done with those violating resolutions, and as we wish to know how to act with propriety, and as we learn that the Bishops have had the subject under advisement and come to a conclusion; therefore, we respectfully request Bishop Janes to states the facts in the case to the Conference.

A. YOUNG,

R. H. HARRISON.

Committee of Examination.—The following committee of examination was announced. [File lost].

Time of Meeting.—On motion the time for examination was fixed to commence Monday at 2:00 p. m.

First Question.—The first question was taken up, when Bro. Coleman presented Erastus Lathrop for readmission and he was readmitted. The case of C. P. Reynolds was taken up and he was admitted on trial.

Order of Receiving Recommendations.—A motion was made that hereafter the Presiding Elders present the entire names of those recommended in their hands. When Bro. Bowman presented the name of Alfred Bishop; Bro. Stewart presented R. E. Hills; Bro. Coleman presented the name of Wm. Corkhill; Bro. Reed presented the name of Jas. E. Tucker, and as his health has failed his Presiding Elder had leave to withdraw his recommendation. Bro. Stewart presented John James; Bro. Coleman presented G. W. Teas for readmission. Also Lewis Dwight, Solomon T. Vail, Nelson King and Frederic F. Lyon were presented for admission.

Book Agents' Report.—On motion the question was laid on the table to hear Bro. Power on the subject of his report, when a report from the book committee and also one from the agents was presented and read.

Accounts Referred.—Bro. Power presented name of E. S. Norris as indebted to the Western Book Concern, which was referred to the Presiding Elder of Dubuque district. R. Spaulding was referred in the same way to collect as soon as practicable. J. Ockerman's account was referred to collect during the year. R. H. Harrison's was referred to his Presiding Elder and allowed another year. H. W. Reed was allowed another year. A note against R. E. Hills was referred to the Presiding Elder of the district to be collected during the year. S. W. Ingham's account was referred to the Presiding Elder of the district to be collected during the year. Bolander's account was referred to the preacher in charge of Keosauqua, to be collected by any righteous means. The account of J. H. Ruble was referred to the preacher in charge of Mt. Pleasant and to the Presiding Elder of that district to be collected. H. N. Wilbur's account was referred to the preacher in charge of West Point circuit to be collected as soon as practicable.

New York Book Accounts Referred.—The Committee on the New York Book Concern then made their report. E. L. Norris' account was referred to the Presiding Elder of Dubuque district. William Burris' account was referred to the Presiding Elder of Iowa City district. Micajah Reeder's account was referred to the Stewards for settlement. R. Spaulding's account was referred to the Presiding Elder of Dubuque district and J. D. Templin's was referred to the Presiding Elder of Iowa City district.

Conference adjourned to meet at half past one o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with religious exercises by Bro. Clark at half past one.

Collection.—On motion a collection was taken up to pay contingent expenses.

First Question.—On motion the case of Bro. Dwight was taken up and leave granted to withdraw.

On motion the case of Bro. James was taken up and on motion of the Presiding Elder was granted permission to withdraw the same.

Bro. Lyon's case was taken up and leave granted to withdraw.

Andrew M. E. Church.—On motion the preacher in charge of Andrew Mission was granted leave to travel at large to raise money to liquidate the debt of the meeting house at Andrew if found necessary.

Visitors.—On motion seven were fixed on to fill the blank of Visiting Committee to Mt. Pleasant Institute: Reed, Young, Simpson, Hare, Harrison, Worthington and Jos. Brooks.

Report on the Sabbath.—The Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath reported. Blanks filled by Bros. Young, Clark, Bowman, Jennison and McDowell.

REPORT ON THE SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath present the following report:

The faithful observance of the Sabbath, as required by the Word of God, is most conducive to our happiness, politically and civilly; and, as a religious duty, none is more imperatively enjoined in the Bible, none more tends to strengthen and increase our piety.

The repeated and almost constant violation of the obligations of this holy day among our citizens generally cannot therefore but be deeply afflicting to every true Christian and lover of his country. We therefore hail with delight the proposition made by our Baptist brethren at the late convention holden at Iowa City to a general state convention for the promotion of the sanctity of the Sabbath. Therefore, resolved

First—That we most heartily approve of calling the aforementioned general convention.

Resolved, Second—That we appoint a committee of five to con-

fer with the committee appointed by the Baptist convention and any other committee or committees that may be appointed by other evangelical bodies for the purpose of calling and conducting said convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH BROOKS, Chairman.

Sunday School Report.—The committee on the Sabbath school cause presented a second report. Blanks filled in by inserting the preachers of Burlington station and New London circuit, the auditing committee and the preacher in charge of Ft. Madison and Yellow Springs.

Thanks.—A resolution of thanks was presented in view of the kindness of the people of Ft. Madison. Also to the brethren of the Presbyterian church for the occupancy of their church and pulpit during our session. On motion the Secretary was instructed to furnish Bro. Hurlburt a copy for publication.

Sunday School Report.—On motion a copy of the report on Sabbath schools be furnished the Presiding Elder of Dubuque district.

Education Report.—On motion a copy of the resolutions in the report on education pertaining to Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute be furnished the board of control.

Copy of Appointments.—On motion Bro. Wentworth was requested to furnish the papers of this place a copy of the stations of the preachers for publication.

Mission Report.—The missionary committee then reported.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Missions Committee of the Iowa Annual Conference of 1849, met on Saturday, August 11th, at 1:30 p. m., and organized by appointing Bishop Janes, Chairman and Joseph Brooks, Secy.

A table of the circuits and stations was presented by the Bishop, with other information necessary for the Committee:

The following places were continued missions with the appropriations severally annexed:

Keokuk	\$ 75.00
Albia	50.00
Knoxville	50.00
Ft. Des Moines	50.00
Three Rivers	50.00
	\$ 275.00

Crawfordsville	\$ 60.00
Sigourney	50.00
Newton	90.00
	\$ 200.00
Iowa City	\$ 100.00
Grandview	75.00
Muscatine	60.00
Pleasant Valley	70.00
Cedar	25.00
Marengo	30.00
	\$ 360.00
Granaville	\$ 45.00
Yellow River	75.00
Colesburgh	45.00
Anamosa	60.00
Marion	50.00
Andrew	75.00
Sabula	40.00
	\$ 390.00

The following new missions were constituted, with the appropriations annexed:

Centerville	\$ 75.00
Eddyville	35.00
West Liberty	75.00
Cedar Rapids	75.00
Otter Creek	75.00
Maquoketa	40.00
	\$ 375.00
Total	\$1600.00

Resolved, That the balance of \$11.25, in the hands of G. B. Bowman, of appropriation to Andrew Mission last year, but not used because the missionary labored but half the year, be added to the appropriation to Eddyville for the present year.

I hereby concur in the above Mission Committee Report.

EDMUND L. JANES.

JOSEPH BROOKS, Secretary.

Conference Funds.—The Conference funds taken up by collections, and after paying contingent expenses, the balance remaining, \$1.75, left in the hands of the Secretary for the same purpose next year.

Bishop's Present.—The Bishop gave each member of the Conference a copy of a small work on pastoral visiting.

Days of Fasting.—Resolved, That we regard the last Friday in September as a day of fasting and prayer, and that it be published previous to the time in the Western Christian Advocate.

Close of Session.—After an interesting address and exhortation by the Bishop, the minutes were read and corrected, the Sacrament was administered, appointments were read and Conference adjourned.

EDMUND S. JANES.

HENRY W. REED, Secretary.
LONDON TAYLOR, Assistant.

CONFERENCE ROLL BY SENIORITY

YEARS.

29	Samuel Clark
25	Andrew Colman
20	Alcinus Young
19	Joseph McDowell
17	Henry W. Reed
16	Joel Arrington
14	George B. Bowan
13	Isaac I. Stewart
12	Thos. M. Kirkpatrick
12	Wm. Simpson
11	John L. Kelly
10	D. Worthington
10	M. F. Shinn
10	Joseph Brooks
10	J. G. Dimmitt
9	David Crawford
9	M. F. Shinn
8	John Hayden
7	Thos. C. Crawford
7	Levin B. Dennis
7	J. B. Hardy
7	Thos. C. Crawford
7	D. N. Smith
6	Wm. Hulburt
6	A. W. Johnson
6	Joseph Maxon
6	G. W. Teas
6	Joseph Ockerman
6	Joel B. Taylor
6	L. Case
6	John Walker

YEARS.

5	Hugh Gibson
5	R. H. Harrison
5	E. Lathrop
5	Eldridge Howard
5	James F. New
4	John H. Dennis
4	John Harris
4	M. H. Hare
4	John Jay
4	George Larkins
4	A. G. Pierce
4	Michael See
4	Landon Taylor
3	Asbury Collins
3	S. W. Greenup
3	J. W. B. Hewitt
3	G. H. Jennison
3	Sandford Haynes
3	R. Swearingen
3	E. W. Twining
2	Jas. T. Coleman
2	Samuel Farlow
2	Joseph Jamison
2	J. Q. Hammond
2	Ancil Wright
READMITTED	
	G. W. Teas
	Erastus Lathrop
	Strange Brooks
	J. C. Smith

APPOINTMENTS**DES MOINES DISTRICT.—ANDREW COLMAN, P. E.**

Keokuk Mission.....	Joseph Brooks
Farmington.....	David Crawford, Laban Case
Keosauqua.....	M. H. Hare
Pittsburg.....	Ancil Wright
Bloomfield	R. H. Harrison
Centerville Mission	A. W. Johnson
Albia Mission.....	J. Q. Hammond
Knoxville Mission.....	A. G. Pierce
Ft. Des Moines Mission.....	J. Ockerman
Three Rivers Mission.....	G. W. Teas
Oskaloosa Mission	Joel Arrington
Eddyville Mission.....	J. F. New
Ottumwa.....	John Hayden
Birmingham.....	H. Gibson, John Jay

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—I. I. STEWART, P. E.

Burlington.....	A. Young
New London.....	J. McDowell John Walker
Yellow Spring.....	T. M. Kirkpatrick, Nelson King
Crawfordsville Mission.....	J. W. Maxon
Mt. Pleasant	Erastus Lathrop
Sigourney Mission	Michael See
Newton Mission	Strange Brooks
Locust Grove Mission.....	J. W. B. Hewitt
Fairfield.....	D. N. Smith
West Point.....	G. H. Jennison
Ft. Madison.....	M. F. Shinn

IOWA CITY DISTRICT.—H. W. REED, P. E.

Iowa City Mission.....	D. Worthington
West Liberty Mission.....	C. P. Reynolds
Grandview Mission.....	Joseph Jamison
Muscatine Mission.....	L. B. Dennis
Davenport.....	J. L. Kelly
Pleasant Valley Mission	Joel B. Taylor
Cedar Mission	Wm. Simpson
Cedar Rapids Mission	Richard Swearingen
Marengo Mission	Asbury Collins
Washington.....	E. W. Twining

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—G. B. BOWMAN, P. E.

Dubuque.....	John Harris, Landon Taylor
Dubuque Circuit.....	Samuel Farlow
Garnavillo Mission.....	Stephen H. Greenup
Yellow River Mission.....	E. Howard
Otter Creek Mission.....	To be supplied
Colesburg Mission.....	George Larkins
Anamosa Mission.....	S. T. Vail
Marion.....	J. B. Hardy
Mt. Vernon.....	L. C. Woodford
Cascade.....	J. T. Coleman
Andrew Mission.....	John H. Dennis
Bellevue.....	J. C. Smith
Maquoketa.....	Wm. Hulburt
Sabula Mission.....	T. C. Crawford

Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Prc's	Raised for Missions	For Am Bib. Soc
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.						
Burlington	196	67	3	3	\$-----	\$30 00
New London	485	34	1	3	14 50	105 50
Mt. Pleasant	299	62	--	5	6 60	71 00
North Fork Mission	166	25	--	1	-----	-----
Locust Grove Mission	385	85	--	8	-----	22 00
Sigourney Mission	177	30	--	3	1 40	-----
Yellow Spring	332	20	--	2	-----	30 00
Ft. Madison	150	7	--	1	-----	40 00
West Point	198	39	--	4	2 90	30 00
Fairfield	314	20	--	6	20 00	90 00
Total	2702	349	4	36	\$45 40	\$418 50
BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.						
Bloomington	128	14	9	2	\$ 1 00	\$27 75
Grandview	120	--	--	--	-----	-----
Cedar Mission	135	32	--	3	5 25	-----
Davenport	88	12	--	--	7 65	-----
Leclaire	100	26	--	1	-----	-----
Iowa City	80	2	--	2	1 60	-----
West Liberty	95	5	--	5	-----	-----
Cedar Rapids	87	33	--	1	1 25	-----
Bear Creek	60	5	--	--	-----	-----
Washington	123	25	--	1	17 50	-----
Crawfordsville	195	36	--	3	-----	-----
Total	1210	190	9	18	\$34 25	\$27 75
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.						
Dubuque Station	270	70	5	1	\$100 35	-----
Dubuque Circuit	212	28	--	4	48 50	-----
Colony Mission	118	62	--	1	3 72	-----
Turkey River	200	--	--	2	11 65	-----
Yellow River	31	--	--	--	-----	-----
Cascade	153	50	--	--	11 60	50
Wapsipinicon	58	18	--	2	-----	-----
Marion	110	64	--	--	12 00	-----
Lynn Grove	133	44	--	2	8 50	-----
Andrew	106	9	--	2	2 85	-----
Bellevue	44	6	--	--	3 05	-----
Maquoketa	89	38	--	1	-----	-----
Sabula	103	63	--	--	5 00	-----
Total	1627	453	5	19	\$204 22	\$ 50

DES MOINES DISTRICT.

Keokuk	146	12	--	5	\$-----	\$-----
Farmington	354	45	--	8	1 10	48 00
Keosauqua	385	21	--	4	7 35	47 00
Bloomfield	258	57	--	4	1 00	41 00
Albia	202	22	--	2	5 00	22 00
Knoxville	259	43	5	1	4 00	108 00
Ft. Des Moines	168	46	3	4	-----	113 00
Oskaloosa	381	25	--	7	2 50	90 00
Ottumwa	292	41	--	5	-----	75 00
Birmingham	450	50	---	8	22 65	103 50
Total	2895	362	8	48	\$43 60	\$647 50

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS

Burlington District	2702	349	4	36	\$45 40	\$418 50
Bloomington District	1210	190	9	18	34 25	27 75
Dubuque District	1627	453	5	19	204 22	50
Des Moines District	2895	362	8	48	43 60	647 50
Grand Total	8434	1354	26	121	\$327 47	\$1094 25

[Note—Cascade in Dubuque district, paid 30c to S. S. Union].

	Totals this year.	Totals last year.	Increase.	Decrease
Members	8434	7745	689	----
Probationers	1354	1749	---	395
Colored	26	33	---	7
Local Preachers	121	104	17	----
Aggregate	9935			
	9631			
Increase	304			

The general minutes credit the Conference with \$507.75 missionary money, and \$1143.75 Bible money.

Sunday School Statistics

APPOINTMENTS.	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Vol. in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Expenses of Sch's for Year	Raised for benv. pur.	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken..	Conver- sions....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.										
Burlington.....	1	28	225	700	5	25	\$50 00	\$...	...	15
New London.....	10	82	521	967	13	30	12 00	...	...	...
Mt. Pleasant.....	4	57	268	845	15	87	52 00	...	...	27
North Fork Mission.....	5	23	140	1100	...	...	25 00	...	...	...
Locust Grove.....	7	38	222	420	...	...	20 00	...	...	...
Sigourney Mission.....	5	30	110	722	...	25	...	...	...	2
Yellow Spring.....	4	22	120	200	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ft. Madison.....	2	22	95	405	3	35	12 00	...	...	5
West Point.....	3	30	105	225	...	...	...	...	13	...
Fairfield.....	2	22	60	41	20	15	13 00	...	...	...
	43	316	1866	5625	59	217	184 00	...	13	49
BLOOMINGTON DIST.										
Bloomington.....	3	26	125	260	3	10	\$...	\$...	20	3
Cedar.....	2	22	105	312	1	10	5 00	...	...	2
Dayenport.....	2	19	120	275	1	6	20 00	23	24	...
Leclaire.....	1	5	20	75	...	...	...	...	...	8
Iowa City.....	1	20	80	178	2	...	5 15	...	...	...
West Liberty.....	3	26	104	350	3	...	5 00	...	...	...
Cedar Rapids.....	7	14	90	200	...	21	8 00	...	...	...
Bear Creek.....	1	5	30	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
Washington.....	4	20	83	100	...	...	...	...	10	...
Crawfordsville.....	1	14	50	...	...	15	...	...	11	...
	25	171	807	1800	10	62	\$43 15	\$23	65	13
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.										
Dubuque.....	2	43	246	600	2	25	\$ 2 00	\$19	...	8
Dubuque Circuit.....	5	33	178	555	6	...	...	...	31	...
Colony.....	7	36	166	502	2	10	1 60	...	...	...
Turkey River.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yellow River.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cascade.....	5	24	97	195	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wapsipinicon.....	1	12	33	77	4	4	...	...	...	...
Marion.....	1	16	60	170	...	...	6 25	...	...	...
Lynn Grove.....	4	37	200	260	4	121	8 40	...	...	24
Andrew.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bellview.....	3	11	45	600	5	3	10 00	...	...	...
Maquoketa.....	3	18	53	255	1	...	...	...	...	...
Sabula.....	2	6	41	135	...	...	...	...	...	...
	33	236	1119	3249	24	163	\$27 25	\$19	31	33
DES MOINES DISTRICT.										
Keokuk.....	1	24	125	500	2	18	\$75 00	\$...	5	...
Farmington.....	3	38	200	450	...	...	22 94	...	...	...
Keosauqua.....	2	18	105	60	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bloomfield.....	1	5	66	50	1	...	...	...	...	...
Albia.....	3	44	255	75	...	...	...	25	...	...
Knoxville.....	5	25	125	240	...	125	...	4	...	3
Fort Des Moines.....	3	35	144	150	10	80	11 64	...	1	...
Oskaloosa.....	5	57	262	602	3	...	...	...	...	15
Ottumwa.....	1	16	132	186	...	...	...	...	...	...
Birmingham.....	13	105	390	1500	...	...	...	...	...	5
	37	367	1804	3813	16	223	109 58	\$29	6	23
RECAPITULATION.										
Burlington District.....	43	316	1866	5626	89	217	184 00	...	13	49
Bloomington District.....	25	171	807	1800	10	62	43 15	23.00	65	13
Dubuque District.....	33	236	1119	3249	24	163	27 25	19.00	31	33
Des Moines District.....	37	367	1804	3813	16	223	109 58	29.00	6	23
Totals this year.....	138	1090	5596	14487	109	665	342 08	77.00	84	118
Totals last year.....	142	1186	4885	13237	175	518	457 29	15.01	326	115
Increase.....			711	1250		147		61.99		3
Decrease.....	4	96			66		111 31		242	

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MINUTES OF SEVENTH SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

FAIRFIELD, IOWA, August 7th, 1850.

The seventh session of the Iowa Annual Conference commenced its session at Fairfield, August 7th, 1850. Bishop Hamline being present, Conference opened by singing and prayer. After some appropriate remarks by the Bishop, relative to the importance of maintaining good order, cultivating the spirit of union and doing everything as in the presence of God, the roll was read and corrected by the former Secretary. Bros. Dimmit and Haynes were then introduced to the Conference.

Secretary.—A motion was made to elect the Secretary by ballot, when L. Taylor was elected.

Committees.—The following committees were ordered:

Public Worship.—On appointments for preaching during Conference, D. N. Smith, I. I. Stewart.

Stewards—D. Worthington, Jas. Brooks and M. H. Hare. Necessitous cases were on motion referred to Stewards.

Missions—The committee on missions is composed of the Presiding Elders.

Education—Bros. A. Young, D. N. Smith, J. L. Kelly, Dimmit, and Wm. Hulburt.

Sunday Schools—J. Harris, E. W. Twining and J. B. Hardy.

Post-Offices—Ancil Wright, New York Book Concern, G. H. Jennison and J. B. Taylor.

Periodicals—Joel B. Taylor.

Bible Cause—Jos. Brooks, E. Lathrop and J. L. Kelly.

Bar.—On motion the first row of benches behind the stoves was fixed as the bar of the house.

Committee on Tract Distribution—A committee on tract distribution was then appointed, when John Harris, Wm. Simpson and Samuel Clark were appointed that committee.

Hours.—On motion the time of meeting was fixed at 8:00 o'clock and adjournment at 12.

Second Question.—Who remain on trial? Perry Runnels was presented and on motion he was discontinued by his own request on account of ill health. Bro. S. T. Vail was presented and on motion he was continued on trial. Nelson King was also presented, and after some remarks, on motion he was continued on trial. A motion was then made that the former vote be reconsidered, which was carried. Whereupon, it was agreed that the first part Watson's Institutes be recommitted to him to be examined by his committee next year.

Third Question.—Who are the deacon's? J. T. Colman was presented and on motion he was to resume the study of Butler's Analogy, and to be examined next year by the same committee appointed to examine him this year; character also passed.

Samuel Farlow called. On motion was to be examined next year on Watson's Institutes, third part, and church history; character passed. J. Q. Hammond called and on motion he was to be examined next year on Church History; character passed. Jos. Jamison's case was presented and on motion he was to continue the studies of Butler's Analogy, rhetoric and logic, and to be examined next year. His character was passed.

Ancil Wright was called and on motion to be examined next year on third part Watson's Institutes; character passed.

Bro. E. Lathrop also called and on motion ordered to continue his studies of rhetoric and logic, to be examined next year; character passed.

Strange Brooks, L. C. Woodford and J. C. Smith came forward and after the disciplinary questions were asked and appropriate remarks by the Bishop they retired.

The case of Strange Brooks came up and on motion he was admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders.

Lucas C. Woodford was called and on motion he was to resume the study of Fletcher's Appeal, Christian Perfection and Moral Science, to be examined next year by his committee. He was also admitted into full connection.

James C. Smith was presented, admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders.

Fifth Question.—Who are elected and ordained elders? Edward W. Twining was presented and elected. Bro. H. Greenup was called and a motion to elect him to elder's orders was lost. On motion he was to resume his studies, to be examined by his committee next year. Carried.

G. H. Jennison called and on motion he was elected to elder's orders.

Richard Swarengen's case was presented, who after having retired, was called in to make some explanations with regard to the neglect of his work. After his explanation it was moved that he be elected to elder's orders. Lost. A motion was then made that he be admonished by the chair with regard to his ministerial unfaithfulness. A motion to lay his case over was carried.

Asbury Collins' character passed and he was elected to elder's orders. J. W. B. Hewitt's case was laid over.

Transfer of S. Haynes.—The transfer of Bro. Haynes was read from Ohio Conference; also his letter recommending him to our confidence and Christian affection, after which on motion he was elected to elder's orders.

R. Swarengen was called up by the Bishop and after some appropriate advice relative to the importance of ministerial faithfulness, on motion his character was passed.

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.—The business of the Board of Control relative to the Mt. Pleasant Institute on motion was taken up, upon which Bro. D. N. Smith read the report of the board, which report was on motion adopted.

Meeting of Corporation.—A motion was made by Bro. Smith that the corporate body relative to the Mt. Pleasant Institute meet today at 3:00 o'clock. Carried. It was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers, which was carried. A. Young, I. I. Stewart and L. B. Dennis were chosen as that committee.

Eighth Question.—Bro. Samuel Clark, superannuate, was called; and after making a statement relative to his attachment to the church, and convictions of duty, on motion he was made effective.

J. G. Dimmitt's Transfer.—Bro. A. Coleman gave a statement of the work on his district, upon which Bro. Dimmitt's transfer and letter were presented by the Bishop relative to his standing in the Ohio Conference.

On motion Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Kelly.

Second Day

FAIRFIELD, IOWA, August 8th, 1850.

Conference opened by singing, and prayer by Bro. Clark. Minutes read and corrected.

Stewards' Call.—The stewards then proceeded to make their call, at which time was also taken the statistics of the church.

Drafts.—The Bishop gave notice that we might draw on the book concern for \$600 and on the chartered fund for \$65, which on motion was approved.

Direction to Stewards.—It was moved that the Stewards allow the claim of Bro. Dennis as reported by him to the Conference, including his traveling expense. The Bishop gave his opinion that appropriating the money of the book concern to the payment of traveling agents in the Conference was an extraordinary proceeding and highly improper, but left it to the Conference.

Effective Elders.—The examination of effective elders was taken up, when characters of Bro. Coleman, Jos. Brooks, D. Crawford, L. Case, M. H. Hare, S. W. Johnson, A. G. Pierce, Joel Arrington, Geo. W. Teas, Jas. F. New, John Hayden, Hugh Gibson, John Jay and Bro. Harrison were examined and passed.

Referred.—The case of Bro. Ockerman was presented and there being no objection to the passing of his character, on motion a committee of three consisting of D. N. Smith, J. L. Kelly and J. Brooks were appointed a committee to attend to his case.

I. I. Stewart gave a statement of his district; character passed.

Assistant Secretary.—On motion Bro. Jennison was elected assistant secretary.

First Question.—Who are admitted on trial? Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to present the entire names of those recommended in their hands for the traveling connection. Carried. A selection to be made of those best fitted for the work.

I. I. Stewart from Burlington district presented F. F. Lyon for admission; also Bro. Cameron and H. N. Wilbur for readmission. H. W. Reed from Iowa City district presented W. R. Robin and Wesley R. Blake. Bro. Coleman, Des Moines dis-

trict, presented for readmission Henry C. Dean; and for admission Isaac Waldrip, Robert Cock, John Guylee and L. R. Rowley. James Cameron was admitted on trial. H. C. Dean was readmitted.

Appointments announced and Conference adjourned by singing, and prayer by Bro. Thompson.

Third Day

FAIRFIELD, IOWA, August 9th, 1850.

Conference opened with prayer by Joseph Kirkpatrick.

Admission on Trial.—First question was taken up, and Bros. John Guylee, Wm. J. Robinson and Isaac Waldrip were received on trial.

Report on Education.—The committee on education made their report, when a motion that the blank be filled by the Bishop and Presiding Elders was made and carried. The report on motion was adopted.

Ockerman Case.—The committee on the case of Bro. Ockerman presented their report, and on motion they were permitted to retire.

Hewitt's Case Referred.—A committee of three was appointed to enquire into the case of J. W. B. Hewitt. E. Lathrop, S. Haynes and Joel Arrington were appointed that committee. On motion they were granted leave to retire.

Introduced.—Joseph Kirkpatrick from the Rock River Conference, Bro. West from the Illinois Conference, and Bro. Dean, formerly a member of the Pittsburg Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Effective Elders Examined.—Examination of elders. A. Young, J. Walker, Thomas Kirkpatrick and J. W. Walker; characters examined and passed. M. See was called and on motion a committee of three was chosen to enquire into his case. Wm. Simpson, G. W. Teas and Wm. Hulburt were appointed that committee. D. N. Smith and M. F. Shinn examined and characters passed. H. W. Reed gave a statement of the work on his district; character passed. D. Worthington, L. B. Dennis, J. L. Kelly, Joel B. Taylor and Wm. Simpson, characters passed.

Dubuque district: G. B. Bowman called and on motion the

Conference granted him a supernumerary relation. L. Taylor, Geo. Larkins, J. B. Hardy, J. H. Dennis, Wm. Hurlburt and T. C. Crawford characters examined and passed. Bro. E. Howard character passed and on motion the Conference granted him a location.

Ockerman Case.—The committee in the case of Bro. Ockerman reported and on motion the resolutions of the committee were adopted as follows:

First—That the Bishop is respectfully requested to leave Bro. Ockerman without an appointment for the ensuing year.

Second—That the Presiding Elder of the district within whose bounds Bro. Ockerman resides shall call a committee to hear and decide upon the complaints alleged against Bro. Ockerman in accordance with the Rules of Discipline which govern such cases. (Report missing.)

Report in Case of M. See.—The committee to whom the case of Bro. See was referred reported, which on motion was adopted. Character passed. (Report missing from file.)

Ockerman Case.—Moved that Bro. Ockerman's case be reconsidered. Lost.

Local Orders.—The following brethren were presented and elected to deacon's orders from Burlington district: Malachi Vinson, Benj. Carter, Joseph Paul, Isaac Waldrip, Robert Cock and Loveland T. Rowley. Riley E. Hills and Archibald Clark were also presented but not elected.

The case of Bro. Jos. Welch came up for the restoration of his parchments. On motion that his credential be restored, it was ruled out. A motion was made that his Presiding Elder for the coming year request him to deliver up his parchments, and in case of his refusal, to publish him, which carried.

I. I. Stewart presented Wm. M. Babb and L. J. Roger, who were elected to deacon's orders. John W. Mitchell was also presented but not elected. William Burriss was also presented and elected from Iowa City district. E. Edwards presented but not elected. John W. Hunt a local deacon was elected to Elders orders. Bro. Harris' character was examined and passed.

Place of Next Session.—Eighteenth question, Where shall our next Conference be held? Whereupon the following places were nominated, viz.: Keokuk, Davenport and Dubuque. Daven-

port received a majority of all the votes, was to be the place of our next annual Conference to be held August 6th, 1850.

Sunday School Depository.—The committee appointed at our last Conference to examine and report on the Sunday school depository at Burlington reported. Report read and adopted. [Copy of report lost].

Female School.—A resolution was passed recommending to our patronage a female institution of learning at Davenport, and which on motion was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, A female school of a high order is greatly needed in the boundary of the Iowa Conference; therefore, Resolved That this Conference patronize the school at Davenport which is at present conducted by the Misses Gilruth. And resolved, further, that a committee of three be appointed to visit the institution and report at the next Annual Conference, and that we recommend to our people the above institution.

J. L. KELLY,
H. W. REED.

Report in Hewitt's Case.—The committee to whom was referred the case of J. W. Hewitt reported that after due investigation they find no cause of action. Moved and seconded that he resume his studies, to be examined next year.

Visitors.—A motion was made that a committee of three be appointed to visit the Davenport Institute, which was carried. A. Young, J. L. Kelly and E. W. Twining were appointed that committee.

Bible Report.—The report and resolutions of the Bible Committee was read and adopted. (Report lost.)

Agent's Address.—Bro. Swormstedt arrived and addressed the Conference on the business of the Book Concern.

Time of Probation of Preachers.—A committee of three were appointed to enquire into and report as to the expediency of extending the time of probation of the candidates for admission with the traveling connection to four years. Jos. Brooks, John Harris and Joel B. Taylor were appointed that committee.

Appointments announced and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Swormstedt.

Fourth Day

FAIRFIELD, IOWA, August 10th, 1850.

Conference opened with prayer by Bro. Waugh of Missouri Conference. Minutes read and approved.

Northwestern Institute.—The Bishop presented a proposition from the Rock River Conference soliciting us to extend our patronage to the Northwestern Institute to be located at Chicago, Ills. A motion was made that the proposition be accepted which was carried. H. W. Reed, I. I. Stewart, D. N. Smith and Geo. W. Teas were appointed Trustees to the Institution.

J. Gassner's Transfer.—The Bishop presented the case of Bro. Gassner of Ohio, who wishes to transfer to this Conference. It was moved and seconded that the Bishop be requested to transfer him. For this a substitution was offered as follows: Resolved, That should the Bishop presiding at the next Ohio Conference see fit to transfer Joseph Gassner to this Conference we will cordially receive him among us as a member of our body.

The above substitute was accepted and on motion the secretary was requested to send Bishop Jaynes a copy of the resolution.

Case of Bro. West.—The letter of Bro. West was read and he was presented for readmission, but not received.

Report in Case of M. See.—The committee in case of Bro. See reported and on motion the report was adopted. On motion his character was passed.

Report on Missions.—The committee on missions made their report, which was approved and left with them to make such alterations or additions as they might think best.

Report of New York Book Concern.—The Bishop presented a statement of the condition of the New York Book Concern.

Missionary Collections.—Moved and seconded that the month of January be the time of taking our missionary collections, which was carried.

Publication.—A motion was made that the Secretary be requested to publish all the resolutions imposing duties upon the preachers, with all others that he may think proper, in the Western Christian Advocate. Carried.

Tract Money.—A motion was made that those brethren who have not paid over their tract money, as embraced in resolutions of last year, be requested to hand in the same at this time. A substitute was offered that the time be extended to three months, during which time they were permitted to hand it in to their Presiding Elder, which was accepted.

Printing of Minutes.—It was moved that a committee of two be appointed to wait on the editor of this place to ascertain the cost of printing the Minutes of this Conference to each member. Carried, and D. N. Smith and L. B. Dennis were appointed the committee.

Introduced.—Rev. Mr. Bell of the Presbyterian church of this place was introduced to the Conference and gave a short address on the condition of the female seminary under their care, and the importance of promoting the cause of female education.

Report on Time of Probation of Preachers.—The committee to whom was referred the extension of the term of candidates to be admitted into the traveling connection reported, and on motion the report was adopted, which was as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of recommending the extension of the term of probation of traveling preachers to four years report that having had the subject under serious consideration, your committee are persuaded that such an extension should be had. They therefore offer for your adoption the following: Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed to draft a memorial to the next General Conference requesting the extension of the term of probation of traveling preachers to four years, and that said committee be requested to report at our next session.

The above report was adopted and Jos Brooks was appointed that committee and to report at our next Conference.

Sunday School Report.—The committee on Sunday Schools presented their report and on motion that the statistics be omitted in reading was carried. The report was also approved and adopted. (Report lost.)

Sabbath School Agent.—A resolution was also offered that the Bishop be requested to appoint a Sabbath School agent for the Conference which is as follows:

Resolved, That the Bishop be and hereby is requested to appoint a Sabbath school agent for the Conference.

(Signed)

JOS. BROOKS,
R. H. HARRISON.

After some debate the motion was lost.

First Question.—Who are admitted on trial? From Des Moines district, Bro. Coleman presented Robt. Cock and he was admitted on trial. F. F. Lyon presented but not received. Bro. I. I. Stewart withdrew the name of H. N. Wilbur, after which on motion that the Conference time be extended indefinitely was carried.

Publication.—The committee on the Conference minutes reported and on motion the publication was ordered.

Appointments announced and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

Fifth Day

FAIRFIELD, IOWA, August 12th, 1850.

Conference opened with prayer by Bro. Harris.

Proposed Papers.—Bro. Reed presented a letter from L. Hitchcock of Rock River Conference, upon the propriety of establishing a paper in the Mississippi valley. On motion Jos. Brooks was appointed a committee on the subject.

Committee to Memorialize General Conference.—A motion was made that a committee of three be appointed to draft a memorial to be presented to the next General Conference and to report at our next annual session. Jos. Brooks, I. I. Stewart and H. W. Reed were appointed that committee.

J. Brooks to Confer with Missouri Conference.—A motion was made that Bro. Jos. Brooks be requested to communicate to the Missouri Conference our action in relation to the establishment of a paper and request the appointment of a delegate by that body to meet at Bloomington, Ills. Carried.

Stewards.—The Stewards requested leave of absence to finish their report, which on motion was granted.

Report on Missions.—The committee on missions submitted their last report, which was accepted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The mission committee met at the Bishop's room and were organized by the election of Bishop Hamline as chairman, and H. W. Reed as secretary. The following places were made missions, and the sums annexed appropriated:

DES MOINES DISTRICT—

Montrose	\$ 50.00
Centerville	75.00
Albia	65.00
	\$ 190.00

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—

Burlington City Mission	\$ 75.00
Crawfordsville	75.00
Grandview	75.00
	\$ 225.00

IOWA CITY DISTRICT—

Iowa City	\$ 75.00
West Liberty	60.00
Marengo	75.00
Cedar Rapids	60.00
Montezuma	60.00
Newton	80.00
Three Rivers	80.00
Boone	75.00
Council Bluffs	250.00
	\$ 815.00

DUBUQUE DISTRICT—

Dubuque City Mission	\$ 75.00
Maquoketa	30.00
Detroit	50.00
	\$ 155.00

Absence Granted.—On motion Samuel Clark and A. Coleman were granted leave of absence to visit Bro. Ockerman.

Motion.—A motion was made that Bro. R. Swearengen be requested to resume his studies with the exception of Watson's Institutes, Part 4, to be examined next year. Carried.

Candidates to be Employed.—Moved that the brethren presented and not received into the traveling connection may be employed by the Presiding Elders. Carried.

Tract Report.—The committee on tracts made their report, which on motion was accepted.

It was moved that the money handed in be paid over to Bro. Swormstedt and published in the Western Christian Advocate, which was carried.

Visitors.—A resolution by Bro. Young was presented that a board of visitors be appointed to attend the examination of the Mt. Pleasant Institute, which on motion was adopted. A com-

mittee of five was appointed to fill in the blank in the previous resolution, whereupon Alcinus Young, J. G. Dimmit, John Harris, G. H. Jennison and L. B. Dennis were appointed that board.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed a Board of Visitors to attend the examination of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute some time during the present Conference year, to be named by the trustees, of which time the trustees shall give the said Board of Visitors due notice.

A. YOUNG,
H. C. DEAN.

Recommendation.—Bro. Dean of Pittsburg Conference, here recommended Sherlock on Divine Providence.

First Question—First question, Who are admitted on trial? was taken up, and Wesley Blake from Iowa City district, was presented, upon which it was moved and seconded that the first question be laid over, which was carried. A motion was made that the former vote be reconsidered, which was carried.

Wesley Blake from Iowa City district, and Loveland T. Rowley from Des Moines district, were presented and received on trial. H. N. Wilbur from Burlington district, was presented for readmission and readmitted.

Resolutions on Secret Societies. — Resolutions by H. W. Reed upon the subject of secret societies were presented and unanimously adopted as follows:

Whereas, The subject of secret societies and their bearing upon the ecclesiastical organization of our church is creating divisions among brethren in the ministry and heartburnings among our people; and, whereas, the Methodist Episcopal church has been pleased not to legislate upon the subject in General Conference, leaving the matter open; differences of opinion honestly exist; therefore

Resolved, First—That all resolutions of the Iowa Conference now on record on the Conference journals on the subject of secret societies be and hereby are repealed and supplanted by the passage of these resolutions.

Resolved, Second—That we will bury our mutual differences on these questions in forgetfulness, and by mutual forbearance show the ungodly world how Christians of different opinions agree in brotherly kindness, and in loving one another.

Resolved, Third—That as Christian ministers in the performance of our Christian duties and in our intercourse with each other, and with the members of Christ's church, that we will not know them as friends or enemies of secret societies, but as brethren bought by the blood of Christ, and with us one in Christ.

Resolved, Fourth—That we will discourage by every prudent means the sending of petitions or requests for the appointment of preachers to stations or circuits by either friends or opposers of secret societies, as anti-Methodistical, subversive of the economy of our church and invidious in its bearings to every member of the Conference, except those petitioned for.

Resolved, Fifth—We will use our influence to quiet all agitation upon the subject, and consecrate all the energies of our souls, bodies and spirits to God and the spread of His truth until the world is converted.

JOEL ARRINGTON,
H. W. REED,
I. I. STEWART.

German Tract Society.—A letter was read from the German Tract Society soliciting our co-operation with other Conferences in lifting a collection or in furnishing aid for the Society.

LETTER FROM GERMAN TRACT SOCIETY

To the Bishop and Members of the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. Church Assembled at Fairfield, Iowa, August, 1850:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—Permit us to address you in behalf of the "German Tract Society of the Illinois Annual Conference of the M. E. Church." You are aware of the work and success of our missions among the German population and emigrants to this country. The necessity of German tracts in this work was long felt by our missionaries. At length a society called the "German Tract Society of the Illinois Annual Conference" was formed at the session of said Conference in September, 1847, since which an anniversary has been held at each session and every preacher has been required to take up a collection annually for this society. By this means above forty different tracts advocating the cause of our holy religion and the doctrines and usages of our church have been printed at the Western Methodist Book Concern at Cincinnati and above \$600 worth circulated by the preachers in the Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Rock River and Illinois Conferences. Our tracts have also been ordered and distributed by our German brethren of the Ohio, New York, Louisiana and Texas conferences, and thus have been scattered over the length and breadth of the land.

They have also found their way across the ocean. Brother Jacoby took them out on his mission to Germany and our society furnished him one hundred dollars toward distributing them in the old fatherland and introducing Methodism there. One or two colporteurs are employed there for this purpose; and Bro. Jacoby calls loudly for further assistance from the other side of the Atlantic by assuring us of the great good they are accomplishing there.

In order to come to his aid and to be able to meet the necessary demands of the Conferences in which our society especially is operating, viz.: Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Rock River and Illinois, permit us to ask your co-operation in this most glorious work. As you have the same interests with the Illinois Conference in this enterprise, will you not, like her, order the taking up of a collection by each preacher in charge during the year for our society? And as the society is at present in great need of funds will you not have a collection taken for its benefit at some time during the present session of your Conference. Or take any other step which you may deem best to sustain this society and thus be the means of building up our Lord's kingdom. We have no doubt you will and subscribe ourselves your faithful brethren in the Lord Jesus.

H. Koenke, President of Society.

C. Jost, Secretary.

Quincy, Ills., July 31st, 1850.

Thanks.—A resolution tendering our thanks to the citizens of this place for their courtesy and kindness, also one directed to the pastors, trustees and congregation of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches were presented and carried with a rising vote.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the citizens of this town and vicinity for their kind hospitality and Christian courtesy to us during our sojourn among them, and that a copy of this resolution be handed to the editor of the *Fairfield Sentinel* for publication.

ALCINUS YOUNG,
G. W. TEAS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the pastors, trustees and congregation of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Fairfield for the use of their church during the session of this Conference.

A. YOUNG,
GEO. W. TEAS.

Time of Meeting of Classes.—A resolution was offered that that the several committees and classes meet at Davenport on

Monday preceding our next Conference at 2:00 p. m., which was carried.

Local Elders Elected.—Wm. Stewart and John Heaton were presented and elected elders. Moved that when we adjourn we met again at 4:00 o'clock. Carried.

Fasting.—A resolution was offered recommending a day of fasting and prayer.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That each preacher of this Conference use his personal influence to get every member of his charge to observe the fourth Friday in October, 1850, as a day of fasting and prayer for the prosperity of our beloved Zion. A. COLEMAN.

Resolution Respecting Local Preachers.—A resolution was also presented by Bro. Clark soliciting the co-operation of our local brethren in the itineracy which was adopted. To this was appended an additional resolution by John Harris, which on motion was adopted as follows: Resolved, That we as a Conference adopt the system of plans, and request the co-operation of the traveling and local preachers each plan made for three months, and that a meeting of the traveling and local preachers be held once in three months to arrange the appointments.

Preachers Leaving Their Work.—Bro. Simpson offered a resolution touching the case of preachers leaving their work in violation of our Discipline, which on motion was withdrawn.

Resolution on Location.—A motion was made by A. Young that the action of the Conference in locating a brother who left his work and went to California with liberty shall never be a precedent by which to govern the action of the Conference in the future, which was carried.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards presented their report which on motion was adopted:

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Aggregate deficiency on claims	\$ 4919 64
Receipts on the above—	
Book Concern	\$ 600 00
Chartered fund	65 00
Fifth collection	4 15
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	\$ 669 15

Disbursed as follows:—

Bishop Hedding	\$ 11 21	G. H. Jennison	\$ 18 27
Bishop Waugh	11 21	M. See	25 55
Bishop Morris	11 21	N. King	22 50
Bishop Hamline	11 21	T. M. Kirkpatrick	5 64
Bishop Janes	13 41	J. Arrington	36 16
Mrs. Roberts	3 45	G. W. Teas	95 95
S. Clark	121 44	A. G. Pierce	33 76
J. H. Dennis	46 65	L. Case	2 71
J. T. Coleman	20 33	D. Crawford	1 61
L. C. Woodford	12 77	J. W. B. Hewitt	7 95
J. B. Hardy	34 65	Ancil Wright	3 00
S. T. Vail	9 40		
G. Larkins	14 11	Total	\$ 669 15
M. F. Shinn	95 00		

Western Book Concern Reports—Bro. Swormstedt here presented the report and exhibit of the Western Book Concern, whereupon the accounts of the following brethren were presented and submitted to the Conference, viz.: Balance on note of J. F. New, \$23.39, which on motion was to be paid at the Missouri or Illinois Conference or to be forwarded soon to the Book Concern.

Accounts Referred.—The note of R. E. Hill for \$60.72 was placed in the hands of his Presiding Elder of his district. The claim of J. D. Templin presented and on motion it was to be collected by law, amount \$28.11. The account of Wm. Ingham for \$23.02 was placed in the hands of his Presiding Elder to be collected according to Discipline. The account of W. H. Bolander \$72.59, was placed in the hands of the preacher stationed at Keosauqua. V. P. Fink's account of \$9.96 was referred to the Presiding Elder of his District. J. W. Briers \$3.25 account referred to his brother in Indiana.

Moved that the Conference time be extended indefinitely, which was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with prayer by Bro. Brooks. Minutes read and corrected.

Resolution Postponed.—The resolution of Bro. Brooks previously laid on the table was called up and on motion of its adoption it was indefinitely postponed.

Ruble Account.—The account of J. H. Ruble was left with the preacher in charge of Mt. Pleasant Circuit.

Resolution of Affection.—A resolution was offered by J. Harris extending our christian affection and earnest prayers to J. F. New and A. G. Pierce, who have been transferred to Missouri and Rock River Conferences.

Study Resumed.—A motion was made that S. T. Vail resume the study of Watsons Institutes and Christian Perfection, to be examined next year.

Thanks.—A resolution of thanks was offered to the publisher of the Iowa Sentinel for their publication of our appointments which was carried.

Post-Offices.—A motion was made by Jos. Brooks that as soon as our preachers reach their appointments at the first opportunity to forward to Rev. Swormstedt a list of the post-offices within their charge. Carried.

Adjournment.—After singing and prayer by Bro. Dimmitt, the Bishop gave to the Conference a short address, after which the appointments were read and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that the following brethren were ordained by me deacons on Sabbath, August 11th, 1850, at Fairfield, Iowa, namely: Strange Brooks, James C. Smith, Malachi Vinson, Isaac Waldrip, Robert Cock, Loveland T. Rowley, Levi J. Rogers, Moses Warner, Henry Kirkpatrick. And that the following were also ordained elders, namely: Edward W. Twining, Geo. H. Jennison, Asbury Collins, Sanford Haines, John W. Hunt, Joseph Paschal and Joshua Marshall.

Fairfield, August 12th, 1850.

L. L. HAMLINE.

LONDON TAYLOR, Secretary.

LOST REPORTS.

Nearly all the important reports of this session are no longer to be found among the papers of the Conference; and are

not recorded. This is the case with the Reports on Education, Sunday School Depository, the Bible Cause, Sunday Schools.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the Sabbath School Advocate and that we will use our influence to introduce it into all our families.

H. W. REED.

Resolved by the Iowa Annual Conference that we approve of the plan and accept the proposition for the establishment of a North-Western University at Chicago, and extend to it our patronage.

SAMUEL CLARK,

JOS. BROOKS.

APPOINTMENTS**DES MOINES DISTRICT.—ANDREW COLMAN, P. E.**

Keokuk.....	Joseph Brooks
Montrose Mission.....	D. Crawford
Farmington.....	E. Lathrop
Winchester.....	John Jay
Birmingham.....	H. Gibson, S. Clark
Keosauqua.....	H. C. Dean
Ottumwa.....	John Hayden
Eddyville.....	J. Q. Hammond
Oskaloosa.....	G. W. Teas
Pittsburg.....	A. Wright
Bloomfield.....	J. Arrington
Centerville Mission.....	L. T. Rowley
Knoxville.....	M. See
Albia Mission.....	Robert Cock

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—I. I. STEWART, P. E.

Burlington.....	L. B. Dennis
Burlington City Mission.....	J. Cameron
Ft. Madison.....	T. C. Crawford
West Point.....	T. M. Kirkpatrick
New London.....	M. F. Shinn, J. Walker
Yellow Spring.....	Joseph McDowell
Crawfordsville Mission.....	J. Jamison, N. King
Mt. Pleasant.....	John Harris
Fairfield.....	D. N. Smith
Brighton.....	To be supplied
Locust Grove.....	A. W. Johnson
Grandview Mission.....	H. N. Wilbur
Mt. Pleasant Institute.....	R. H. Harrison, Agent

IOWA CITY DISTRICT.—D. WORTHINGTON P. E.

Iowa City Mission.....	J. B. Hardy
West Liberty Mission.....	A. Collins
Washington.....	G. H. Jennison
Montezuma Mission.....	J. W. B. Hewitt
Newton Mission.....	S. Brooks
Three Rivers Mission.....	L. Case

Ft. Des Moines	M. H. Hare
Boone Mission	To be supplied
Marengo Mission.....	J. W. Maxon
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	W. R. Blake
Council Bluffs Mission.....	Wm. Simpson

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—A. YOUNG, P. E.

Dubuque.....	J. G. Dimmitt
Dubuque City Mission.....	J. C. Smith
Catfish	J. L. Kelly
Bellevue	To be supplied
Maquoketa.....	S. Haines
Sabula	J. Guylee
Dewitt Mission.....	S. Farlow
Davenport	L. Taylor
Leclaire.....	J. B. Taylor
Tipton.....	L. C. Woodford
Fairport	R. Swearingen
Muscatine	Wm. Hulburt

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—H. W. REED, P. E.

Cascade.....	J. T. Coleman
Anamosa Mission.....	To be supplied
Mt. Vernon.....	G. B. Bowman, Supply
Marion Mission.....	E. W. Twining
Big Woods Mission.....	S. T. Vail
Otter Creek Mission	S. H. Greenup
Yellow River Mission.....	To be supplied
Garnavillo.....	J. H. Dennis
Colesburg Mission.....	George Larkins
Dubuque Circuit	To be supplied

A. G. Pierce, transferred to Rock River Conference and appointed to Moline circuit, Rock Island District. J. F. New, Isaac Waldrip and W. J. Robinson transferred to Missouri Conference.

Sunday School Statistics

APPOINTMENTS.	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Expenses of Sch's for Year	Raised for ben. pur.	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken	Conver- sions
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.										
Burlington.....	1	34	225	800	3		\$	\$		
New London.....	8	46	340	650	3		70 00			10
Yellow Spring.....	6	36	360	600			23 00	10		
Crawfordsville.....	4	40	160	258			22 00		14	
Mt. Pleasant.....	7	55	400	500	3		22 00			15
Sigourney Mission.....	7	40	164	700		30				2
Newton.....	6	53	125	325	1		7 00			2
Locust Grove.....	1	67	350	700	2		30 00			
Fairfield.....	4	25	250	300	4		54 00			20
West Point.....	3	30	158	345	1		23 80		10	9
Ft. Madison.....	4	30	125	350			13 60			
	51	456	2657	5528	17	30	265 40	\$10	24	58
IOWA CITY DISTRICT.										
Iowa City.....	1	13	60	110	2		\$13 75	\$		9
West Liberty.....	2	10	40	50						
Grandview.....	4	28	190	208			3 00		20	
Muscatine.....	3	30	160	230	4	100	17 00		28	5
Davenport.....	2	19	80	240		11	8 00		23	8
Pleasant Valley.....	4	20	129	530	3	28	33 00		20	2
Cedar Mission.....	3	22	100	450	1		18 00		20	
Cedar Rapids.....	3	15	75							
Marengo.....										
Washington.....	3	18	80	100	1		12 00		10	1
	25	175	914	1918	11	139	104 75		121	25
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.										
Dubuque.....	2	30	130	300	2	30	\$35 00	19.30	60	
Dubuque Circuit.....	4	22	112	450			13 50		20	
Garniville Mission.....	3	15	60	100	1	30	1 00		2	2
Yellow River.....	2	12	40	20						
Otter Creek.....										
Colesburg Mission.....	2	16	75	155		12				
Anamosa Mission.....	4	29	105	100		39	11 00			
Marion Mission.....	3	15	80	260			20 75			
Mt. Vernon.....	2	27	105	200	3	28				
Cascade.....	5	35	112	225						2
Andrew Mission.....	4	29	107	100	10		10			
Bellevue.....	3	25	150	483	7	35	7 75		62	
Maquoketa.....	2	15	85	100	3	15				5
Sabula Mission.....	2	16	55	143	2	20	5 00			
	38	286	1216	2636	28	209	\$94 00	19.30	144	9
DES MOINES DISTRICT.										
Keokuk.....	3	50	351	430	1		\$75 00	\$	150	15
Farmington.....	7	76	399	457	2	9	39 20			
Keosauqua.....	2	28	100	175		10	25 00		2	8
Pittsburg.....	7	80	285	714	2		20 00		23	2
Bloomfield.....	2	20	100	200			20 00			
Centerville.....										
Albia Mission.....	8	67	250	423		175	1 05			
Knoxville Mission.....	4	20	120	150						
Ft. Madison.....	2	16	120	100	1	25	5 00			
Three Rivers.....										
Oskaloosa.....	3	20	275	250			10 00			
Eddyville.....	4	35	193	333	15	40	20 50			20
Ottumwa.....	4	28	80	40		20	5 00		21	
Birmingham.....	7	111	504	1007	2	484	55 10			24
	53	551	2777	4279	23	763	275 85		196	69
RECAPITULATION.										
Dubuque District.....	38	286	1216	2636	28	209	\$94 00	19.30	144	9
Iowa City District.....	25	175	914	1918	11	139	104 75		121	25
Burlington District.....	51	453	2657	5528	17	30	265 40	10.00	24	58
Des Moines District.....	53	551	2777	4279	23	763	275 85		196	69
Totals this year.....	167	1465	7564	14441	79	1141	740 00	29.30	485	161
Totals last year.....	138	1090	5596	14487	109	665	345 98	77.00	84	118
Increase.....	29	375	1968			476	394 02		401	43
Decrease.....				46	30		47.70			

Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Preachers	Churches	Parsonages	Raised for Missions	Raised for Tracts	Raised for Am. Bible Society
DES MOINES DISTRICT									
Keokuk	109	101		3	1		\$	\$ 2 00	\$25 00
Farmington	311	95		2	2		18 50		26 00
Fort Des Moines	119	10	3	1	1				
Birmingham	532	104		9	4	2	41 30		9 00
Keosauqua	108	25		1					
Ottumwa	290	10		4			18 00		18 00
Eddyville	184	107		5	1		8 00		50 00
Oskaloosa	212	10		3				2 00	
Pittsburg	288	42		4	2	2	3 60		
Bloomfield	210	65		7	1	1	10 00		40 00
Centerville	108	36		2		1			
Knoxville	292	70		8	1	1			
Albia	223	66		1	2		5 00		7 00
Three Rivers	154	19		1					
Total	3140	760	3	52	15	7	104 40	4 00	175 00
BURLINGTON DISTRICT									
Burlington	230	18	1	2	1	1	\$ 6 30	\$ 7 00	\$32 00
New London	486	33	1	4	3	2	21 00		
Yellow Springs	380	96		2	3	1	10 00		
Crawfordsville	107	42		4	1	1	4 00		
Mt. Pleasant	351	112		6	4			2 00	25 00
Sigourney Mission	194	33		3	1		95	2 00	
Newton Mission	152	40		1		1	2 00	2 00	
Locust Grove	326	47		7	1	1	5 00		
Fairfield	413	75		4					
West Point	195	30		6	3	1	12 75	2 00	20 00
Fort Madison	115			1	1			2 00	35 00
Total	2949	546	2	40	18	8	\$62 00	\$15 00	112 00
IOWA CITY DISTRICT									
Iowa City	79	27		2	1	1	\$15 25	\$	\$
West Liberty	72			2		1			
Grandview	123	20		5	1	1	70		
Muscatine	201	27		3	2		13 30		25 00
Davenport	99	40		1	1		24 41		
Pleasant Valley	149	45		1	1	1	11 55	2 50	25 00
Cedar Mission	131	19		3	1	1	5 60	1 00	16 00
Cedar Rapids	70	8							
Marengo Mission	88	30							
Washington	160	12		1	2	1			30 00
Total	1172	228		18	9	6	\$70 80	\$ 3 50	\$96 00
DUBUQUE DISTRICT									
Dubuque City	300	65	3	2	2		\$74 30	\$ 2 00	100 00
Dubuque Circuit	210	14		5	3		50 12		
Garnaville Mission	140	20		3			5 45		35 35
Yellow River	24	27							
Otter Creek	45								
Colesburg Mission	205	65		1	1	1	3 00		
Anamosa Mission	74	15		3					
Marion Mission	162	9		1	1				25 00
Mt. Vernon	138	46		2		1	3 65		
Cascade	158	16		4	1	1	3 00		
Andrew Mission	113	14		2	1	1			
Bellevue	33	5							20 00
Maquoketa	175	23		1	2		5 00		20 00
Sabula Mission	147	19		3	1		1 25		10 00
Total	1924	338	3	27	12	5	145 77	\$ 2 00	210 35
RECAPITULATION.									
Des Moines District	3140	760	3	53			104 40	\$ 4 00	175 00
Burlington District	2949	546	2	40			62 00	15 00	112 00
Iowa City District	1172	228		18			70 80	3 50	96 00
Dubuque District	1924	338	3	27			145 77	2 00	210 00
Grand total this year	9185	1872	8	138			382 97	\$24 50	593 35
Total last year	8434	1354	26	121			327 47	30	1094 25
Increase	751	518		17			\$55 50	\$24 20	\$
Decrease			18						499 90

Whites 9185; Probationers 1872; Colored 8; Local Preachers 138; Aggregate this year 11,203; Aggregate last year 9,935; Total increase 1,268.

JOURNAL

MINUTES OF EIGHTH SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

DAVENPORT, IOWA, August 6th, 1851.

Conference met at Davenport, Iowa, August 6th, 1851. Rev. Bishop Waugh being present opened the session by reading the 6th chapter of Paul's Epistle to Timothy, singing and prayer.

Roll.—The Secretary of last year was called on to read the roll containing the names of the members of this Conference.

Secretary.—The Conference then proceeded to elect a Secretary, which on motion of Bro. Reed was done by ballot. Upon the second balloting Bro. J. G. Dimmitt declared by the chair duly elected.

Assistant Secretary.—The Conference then proceeded to elect *vivi voci* an assistant Secretary, and upon the vote being taken Bro. Jennison was declared elected.

Transfer.—The Bishop then presented and read to the Conference the transfer of Rev. Alexander Nelson from the Ohio to the Iowa Conference.

Bishop's Address.—Bishop Waugh then proceeded to address the Conference upon the subject of ministerial duty and fidelity, and to the subjects connected with the interests of the church, in which he took occasion to refer to his own improving health and his increasing interest in the piety and efficiency of Methodism in the West. He also gave an interesting account of the health of each of our General Superintendents.

Hours.—On motion it was resolved that the sessions of this Conference meet at 8:00 o'clock a. m. and adjourn at 12 m.

Committee on Public Worship.—Resolved that the Presiding Elder of the Dubuque district and the preacher in charge of this station be a committee to make the appointments for preaching during the session of the Conference.

Bar.—Resolved that a line drawn across the house including one seat back of the stove constitute the bar of the Conference.

Stewards.—Joseph Brooks, M. H. Hare and Wm. Hulburt

were selected to act as Stewards of the Conference. On motion it was resolved that the Stewards serve as a committee on necessitous cases.

Committees.—The following committees were then appointed by resolution:

Memoirs—Jos. Brooks, M. H. Hare.

Education—D. N. Smith, Geo. W. Teas, Alexander Nelson, John L. Kelly and E. W. Twining.

Sabbath Schools—John Harris, J. C. Smith and L. B. Dennis.

Periodicals—John Hayden, E. Lathrop and Ancil Wright, after which Jos. Brooks, H. C. Dean and D. N. Smith were added.

New York Book Concern—Bros. Shinn and H. N. Wilbur.

Missions—Samuel Clark, Wm. Simpson, Jos. McDowell, John Dennis and J. Q. Hammond.

Bible Cause—Wm. Simpson, Joel B. Taylor and G. B. Bowman.

Tract Cause—Sanford Haynes, Hugh Gibson and J. Jennison.

New York Book Concern.—On motion it was ordered that a communication from the New York Book Concern be referred to the Committee on Periodicals. Said communication was presented by the Bishop.

Introductions.—Rev. Alexander Nelson from the Ohio Conference and Rev. Bros. Stuff and Taylor from the Rock River Conference were introduced to the Conference.

Plank's Address.—Rev. Bro. Plank, a German missionary, was introduced to and then addressed the Conference on the subject of tract distribution among the Germans in this country and in Germany, in which he manifested great interest in the salvation of his countrymen, and urged upon us a continuation of our efforts.

Second Question.—The second question was then taken up, to-wit: Who remain on trial? When the characters of the following brethren were passed, and they continued on trial: Jos. Cameron, John Guylee and Loveland T. Rowley. Robert Cock was discontinued at his own request. The examination of Wesley Blake's character laid over for the present.

Third Question.—Who are admitted into full connection? Solomon T. Vail's character passed and he admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders. Resolved by the Conference that he be required to study Wayland's Moral Science and be examined on that study next year. Nelson King continued on trial.

Fifth Question.—Who have been elected and ordained elders? The characters of the following brethren were passed and they were elected to elder's orders: Jas. T. Coleman, Jas. Q. Hammond, John W. B. Hewitt, Jos. Jamison, Ancil Wright, Erastus Lathrop, Richard Swearingen and he ordered to study English grammar and be examined on it next year. The cases of Samuel Farlow and Stephen Greenup were laid over.

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.—On motion, resolved that Bros. Teas and Harris be a committee to nominate officers for the collegiate institute at Mt. Pleasant.

Fourth Question.—Who are the deacons? Bros. Strange Brooks and J. C. Smith. Smith's character examined and passed. The case of Lucas C. Woodford laid over for the present.

Appointments announced and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Stuff.

Second Day

DAVENPORT, IOWA, August 7th, 1851.

Conference met at 8:00 o'clock and was opened by reading a portion of the Word of God; singing and prayer Bro. L. B. Dennis. Bishop Waugh in the chair.

Roll.—The roll was called, the minutes read and corrected.

Transfer.—The transfer of Ira Blackford from the Erie Conference to this Conference was presented by the Bishop and read.

Northwestern Christian Advocate.—A communication was received from Rock River Conference in relation to a book depository and the establishment of a church paper in the west to be called the Northwestern Christian Advocate, and on motion it was referred to the committee on periodicals.

Sunday School Circular.—A Sunday school circular from the

Secretary of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Stewards' Call.—The Stewards of the Conference then proceeded to make their call.

Drafts.—The Bishop gave notice that the Conference could draw on the Book Concern for \$800. It was ordered that an order be drawn on the Book Concern for that amount. Also a notice was given by the Bishop that the Conference could draw on the chartered fund for \$90. Ordered that an order be drawn therefor.

Second Question Resumed.—The case of W. R. Blake, that was laid over yesterday, was called up. On motion he was continued on trial and his Presiding Elder requested to inform him that it would be expected of him to procure the books and study on the first year's course of study. The case of Bro. Woodford was taken up, his character examined and passed and he required to study Moral Science, Fletcher's Appeal and Church History.

Seventh Question.—Who are the supernumerary preachers? The character of George Bowman was examined and passed, his relation changed and he made effective.

Effective Elders.—The examination of the effective elders was then taken up. Andrew Coleman was called upon to give an account of the work on the Des Moines district. He represented himself as in a healthy condition. He thought there was some deficiency in pastoral duty and inattention to class meetings. The district, however, had been favored with some gracious revivals and great harmony prevailed among the preachers. His character was examined and passed. Bros. Brooks, David Crawford, John Jay, Hugh Gibson, Samuel Clapp, John Hayden and Geo. W. Teas' characters were severally examined and passed.

Arrington's Death.—The name of Bro. Joel Arrington was called, when his Presiding Elder arose and informed the Conference that he was no more. Bros. Coleman, Brooks and Clark spoke of the character of the deceased, that although he had some minor imperfections in common with his brethren, yet he was a diligent and successful minister of the Gospel of Christ. They informed us that he was not afraid to die, although called to depart very unexpectedly, but that he died in the triumph of faith, realizing the power of that Gospel to save that he had

preached to others. The heart of the Conference heaved with emotion, every eye was tearful; we loved him, may we meet him in heaven.

Effective Elders.—Bro. Michael See's character examined and passed.

Leave of Absence.—Bros. Kelly and Twining asked leave of absence to attend the examinations at the female academy, which was granted.

Stewart Case.—I. I. Stewart being called, addressed the Conference in explanation and refutation of certain rumors in circulation against him injurious to his Christian and ministerial character. He satisfied the Conference, after which his character passed. He reported his district in an improving condition, some prosperity in every charge.

Hours.—The vote fixing the time of daily adjournment of Conference at 12 o'clock m. was reconsidered and on motion the time of adjournment fixed at fifteen minutes before twelve. Also the vote fixing the time of the meeting of the Conference at 8:00 o'clock a. m., was reconsidered, and the time of meeting fixed at fifteen minutes before eight.

German Missionary.—Bro. Fiegenbaum, a German missionary from Muscatine, addressed the Conference and solicited aid for the German church in said place.

Appointments announced and Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

Third Day

DAVENPORT, IOWA, August 8th, 1851.

Conference met at the appointed hour and was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Clark.

Minutes.—The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Fifth Question.—The case of S. H. Greenup taken up, character examined and passed, and he elected to elder's orders. Ordered to study Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon, and present himself next year with a written essay or ser-

mon before the committee on fourth year's course of study for examination.

S. Farlow's character examined and passed, and he continued a deacon. He in consequence of affliction in his family being prevented from attending Conference.

H. C. Dean's name being called, a communication from Bro. McClasky of West Virginia was received and read, certifying that in the year 1848 he was chairman of the committee on the fourth year's course of study and was examined in the studies of that year, and that he sustained a good and creditable examination. His character was then examined and passed and he elected to elder's orders.

Effective Elders.—The characters of Levin B. Dennis, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, Moses F. Shinn, John Walker, Jos. McDowell, Thos. C. Crawford and John Harris were severally examined and passed. D. N. Smith's character examined and passed, and he granted a superannuated relation to the Conference in consequence of a partial failure of his health. Allen W. Johnson and H. N. Wilbur's characters examined and passed.

Harrison's Case Referred.—The name of Bro. R. H. Harrison being called, and it appearing that there were some difficulties connected with his case, when on motion it was resolved that his case be referred to a committee of five, whereupon the following brethren were appointed the committee: Joseph Brooks, Joseph McDowell, J. G. Dimmitt, William Simpson and E. W. Twining.

Effective Elders.—David Worthington being called upon to represent the state of the work in his district, said that in general it was in a healthy and prosperous condition. His character examined and passed.

Postoffices.—Bro. J. C. Smith was appointed a committee on postoffices.

Bro. J. B. Hardy's character examined and passed.

Located.—Bro. Asbury Collins' character examined and passed, and he located at his own request.

The character of Bro. Geo. H. Jennison examined and passed.

Laban Case.—Bro. Laban Case's name being called, and it appearing from the statements of his Presiding Elder that he

had neglected his work, he was called upon to explain the reasons therefor, after making such explanations as he wished. The following resolution relative to his case was adopted:

Resolved, That the character of Bro. Case pass with the understanding that this Conference disapprove of the brother leaving the work when he was on it, and of his complaints with reference to it.

D. N. SMITH,
SAMUEL CLARK.

Effective Elders.—The character of M. H. Hare was examined and passed.

The character of Bro. J. W. Maxon was examined and passed, and he was granted a superannuate relation to the Conference in consequence of poor health. Bro. Simpson's character examined and passed.

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.—Moved that the Conference take a recess of twenty minutes to enable the corporation of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute to elect the officers of said institute.

Bro. Alcinus Young represented the Dubuque district in a prosperous condition, revivals in almost every charge, and an increasing attention to the subject of Sabbath schools. His character was examined and passed.

Instructions to Stewards.—The Stewards asked for instructions relative to the mode of making the dividend, when it was resolved that they be instructed to proceed upon the principal of the resolutions of the Conference existing on that subject.

Instructions to Presiding Elders.—Resolved, That the Presiding Elders see that the rule of discipline in relation to making a distinction between quarterage and table expenses in the disbursements of funds be carried out.

Bro. J. G. Dimmitt, John L. Kelly, Landon Taylor, Joel B. Taylor, S. Haynes, W. H. Hulburt's characters were severally examined and passed.

Bro. H. W. Reed being called upon gave an account of the work on his district. It has been to him a pleasant, though laborious year. The preachers have labored harmoniously and successfully: and some of the charges enjoyed seasons of gracious revival. His character was examined and passed.

Bro. E. W. Twining, J. H. Dennis, Geo. Larkins and A. Nelson's characters examined and passed.

Moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 2.00 o'clock.

Local Orders.—The question was then taken up, Who are recommended for local deacon's orders? Bros. John Davis, John C. Tucker and Wm. H. Corkhill were properly recommended for and elected to deacon's orders.

Bros. Calvin Coates and David Dickinson were recommended for and elected to elder's orders.

Parchments.—Resolved, That the parchments of Bro. John B. Montgomery be restored to him.

Resolved, That Bro. A. Colman be a committee of one to request the Missouri Conference to deliver the parchments of Bro. John Welch to this Conference.

Some appointments were announced and the Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Walker of Wisconsin Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:00 o'clock p. m., and was opened by reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer by Bro. Summers of Wisconsin Conference. Bishop Waugh in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

First Question.—First question on the minutes was taken up: Who are admitted on trial? The following brethren were presented and admitted: Elias Lyman Briggs, Thomas E. Corkhill, Hiram J. Burley, Robt. W. Trimble, Harvey Taylor, David F. Sweem, Rufus Rickey, Isaac Newton, Wm. Armstrong, A. J. Keynette and Alfred Bishop. Ransom Gilmore and E. Edwards not admitted.

The recommendation of Bro. John Darrah was presented; and on motion was laid on the table. Joshua Bowman presented but not admitted. Mathew R. Hickson's recommendation laid on the table. James M. McDonald admitted. Wm. P. Mann admitted. Geo. W. Clarke admitted. R. G. Hawn and Frank W. Evans admitted. Thos. W. Pope presented for readmission and not readmitted. The case of Thos. H. Prather was laid on the table. Richard Hodgson not admitted. Elias Skinner admitted.

On motion it was resolved that the Presiding Elders have leave to employ any of the brethren recommended here and not admitted.

Changes on Committee.—Bro. Jos. Brooks asked to be released from the committee in the the case of Bro. R. H. Harrison, which was granted, and on motion Bro. L. B. Dennis was appointed in his place. Bro. Twining also asked to be released from serving on the same committee, which request was granted, and on motion Bro. George Bowman appointed in his place.

After publishing some appointments, Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by D. N. Smith.

Fourth Day

DAVENPORT, IOWA, August 9th, 1851.

Conference met and was opened by reading a portion of scripture, singing, and prayer by Bro. Reed.

Minutes.—Minutes of the last session read, corrected and approved.

Statistics.—Statistics in the bounds of the Iowa Conference were called for. (See report.)

Memorial on Pews.—A communication was received from Muscatine, signed by Joseph Williams and others, relative to promiscuous seating, pews, etc., which was read and referred to a select committee consisting of the following persons: S. Clark, M. F. Shinn, M. H. Hare, J. L. Kelly and E. Twining:

MEMORIAL FROM MUSCATINE STATION.

To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church of Iowa, in session at Davenport, for the Conference year 1850-51:

The subscribers, members of the M. E. Church at Bloomington, (or Muscatine station), Iowa, respectfully represent:

That after years of labor and much embarrassment the society at this place has succeeded in erecting a large and commodious house of worship; that it was not only understood by the preacher in charge at the time of the erection of the house was undertaken, as well as the trustees, official members and members generally belonging to the station but expressly agreed before the work should be commenced or even subscriptions made, that the house should be built, governed and used as an M. E. Church, in accordance with the requirements and directions of the discipline, and well established usages of that (our) church. That, as for some seven or eight years prior, to that time we had been prevented from building a house of worship for the

station by the agitation by a few persons (some members of the church and some not members), who insisted on the sale of the seats (or pews), and contended that the men and women should sit promiscuously when assembled at worship, we were careful to have this particular subject understood and the matter then settled. That with the full and fair understanding of the rule or law of the discipline, we without any disagreement commenced and erected the building. Nevertheless, notwithstanding the rule of discipline and usage of the church on this subject of seats and sittings in the congregation, as well as a fair understanding of the preacher in charge, trustees at the time and the official and other members generally, so soon as the house was open for worship, at the first assembling of the congregation seats or pews were taken, cushioned and appropriated to the use and for the particular benefit of certain persons, some of whom are members of the church and some not members. That men and women also assumed the right to sit together on the same seats (in the same pew). That this condition of the matter has existed and is permitted to exist up to the present time, without any attempt or effort on the part of the preacher in charge (of which we are cognizant) to prevent it by an application of the disciplinary rules of the church or request or remark to the congregation on the subject. That members of the church, official and others, have remonstrated in strong terms against these violations of the disciplinary rules and injurious innovations of church usage. That some of the oldest members of the church at this station have refused, and will with a sense of duty, continue to refuse to attend meetings for worship so long as this matter remains uncorrected. That many, if not most of the members of the church have subscribed and paid liberally on the faith that the seats should "be free", and that men and women should sit apart, as well as that the discipline and usages of the church sanctioned by time and experience should be observed and maintained by the congregation. In this we contend there is flagrant wrong and injustice as we never would have given to the value of one cent to the building of the house otherwise than in accordance with the rule of discipline and the well established usages of the church.

We humbly believe and trust that in this matter we are governed by a truthful regard for obligations of the discipline, the sacred interests of religion and the efficiency and prosperity of the church of God.

We beg leave to refer to the fact relative to the understanding concerning the observance of the rule of discipline in building and using the house to the Rev. L. B. Dennis of this Conference, who was preacher in charge when the erection of the house was undertaken.

Believing as we do that the great interests of religion and the peace and harmony of the church at this place depend upon the

prompt and disciplinary adjustment of this matter, we respectfully ask that the proper and legitimate expression and action may be had and promulgated by the Conference in this matter, with direction to those whose duty it is to enforce the discipline and carry out the approved usages of the church to proceed accordingly. In conclusion we state that our presiding elder as well as the present preacher in charge for this year, do not seem inclined to act in the matter and the people in and out of the church are left to do as they may please in the matter, so that disaffection, confusion and strife is a consequence and the spirit of religion is prostrate. Therefore it is of vital importance that the rule be declared and understood.

J. Williams,
C. G. Mathis,
G. Bumgardner,
W. Parvin.

The members of the M. E. church at Muscatine station, who contend for the observance of the discipline, as the fundamental law and rule of action for the church, make the following points, viz.:

First—The discipline is the constitutional compact by which bishops, preachers and people are bound to its observance as soon as they become members of the church, and each in the station he occupies must yield to its requirements.

Second—That an omission or evasion as to its requirements which stand unrepealed is as culpable as direct opposition, and tends to degrade the church, renders her administrators contemptible and weakens her spiritual power and influence among the membership and in the world. A fixed rule of action is all-important. Indecision in its enforcement must result in confusion, strife and dissolution of the bonds of the compact. In order to maintain the principle power must exist and be exercised somehow.

Third—We contend that the discipline of the M. E. church is plain, explicit and imperative in its terms on the subject of "seats" in our houses of worship, and as to the manner in which the men and women are to be seated. The language of the discipline is "let the seats be free", and this injunction is enforced by the reasons for the rule, clearly showing the intention of those who first enacted the law. "Let the men and women sit apart" is the language used in prescribing the manner in which the free seats are to be occupied in our churches. Then to show the great importance of this matter and the necessity of a general and uniform compliance throughout the entire church, the section closes with the following unmistakable and super-added injunction: "Let the rule be observed in all our churches." None to be excepted, not one, whether in city or country, station or circuit. Such is not now and never was intended to be the language of mere advice. In giving expression and effect to exhibit the meaning of the discipline the verb "let" in the imperative mood is used and

is as mandatory as the same word is where it is used to represent the creative designs of the Almighty, when he called light from darkness, saying "let there be light" and he was obeyed. There was light. It will scarcely be urged here that the Deity advised light to come forth, leaving it optional to comply or refuse as it might deem it proper. But a discipline or constitutional law is a very strange instrument in which to insert mere advice. In all ages such an instrument is made and used to establish the fundamental, cardinal and general principles of the plan or compact by and upon which the construction of the edifice is to be directed, supported and controlled, in order to the perfect consummation of the design.

Fourth—But suppose that the discipline, in this respect, be considered, as some would have it in these latter times, only advisory,, had we not better follow that advice so solemnly given of record from such high and holy a source, and so long and generally sanctioned by our fathers, rather than be led aside by the spirit of innovation and change, which some of us fear comes from the world outside of the Christian church, which seeks by every device and fashion to lure the church from that simplicity and humility which makes manifest the divinity and power of the Christian religion. We are of the opinion that the fashions of the world and personal convenience to gratify the taste and individual ease of a few persons, should weigh lightly against a system urged, even by advice, which has worked so well, and on which depends the prosperity of the general church in its effect on mankind. The fashions of the world and individual preference are the very things the discipline was and is designed to prevent.

Fifth—We hold this matter to be a distinctive feature of Methodism, sanctioned by the discipline, which has become a law of the church from long usage; that it cannot now be disregarded, but must be enforced until abrogated by the General Conference in a legal manner, and thus stricken out of the discipline. Until this is done the humblest and poorest member of the church has the right to demand and obtain its enforcement against a whole congregation. Constitutions are made to protect minorities from the oppressions which a reckless majority might choose to inflict upon them. A single member, standing on the provisions of the discipline, may successfully defy a whole congregation, which seeks to violate or evade its requirements. He is loyal, in such case, while the majority are revolutionists.

Sixth—There is nothing in the argument so often presented that the discipline is not binding in this matter, because there is no penalty annexed in case of violation. Every man who is acquainted with the principles of law must know that law is a rule of action, commanding what is right, and prohibiting what is wrong. That there are laws of a civil, as also of a criminal nature. For the vio-

lation of criminal laws penalties are directly provided; but not so to laws not criminal, or which do not encroach upon or militate against the public welfare. Yet all law is made to be obeyed. If this were not the case communities and societies could not long exist, as such in security. But let this rule of the discipline, like some others, be regarded, as it was designed to be, and then, if any person violates it to the disturbance of the church, could he not be made amendable to discipline, by the preacher admonishing him of his error; then, if he persisted, could he not be legally tried and expelled; as well for this as the violation of any other rule of order, which he had promised to observe? We think he could be thus dealt with as one "walking disorderly".

Respectfully submitted,

J. Williams.

P. S.—If Methodists observe this rule those not of the church will.

Resolution from Ohio Conference.—A resolution from the Ohio Conference petitioning the next General Conference to extend the probationary term of candidates for the ministry to four years, accompanied by a circular asking the concurrence of this Conference in the same, when on motion it was resolved not to concur.

Circular from Erie Conference.—A circular from the Erie Conference was presented and read, wherein this Conference was requested to concur in a resolution of that Conference, petitioning the next General Conference to so amend the discipline as to prescribe a course of study for the local preachers and bring them in some systematic way to co-operate with our itinerant preachers. On motion it was resolved to concur.

Journal Amended.—It was on motion resolved that the journal of the Conference in relation to Bro. I. I. Stewart's case, be so amended as to read "such explanations being satisfactory to the Conference." On motion his character passed.

Election of Delegates.—Resolved that we now go into an election of delegates to the next General Conference. It was on motion resolved that we elect by ballot. H. W. Reed, Joseph Brooks and J. G. Dimmitt were declared duly elected.

Reserves Elected.—On motion it was resolved that we proceed to elect by ballot two reserve delegates to the next General Conference, when after said election it was declared that I. I. Stewart and L. B. Dennis were duly elected said reserves.

Leave of Absence.—Bros. Harris and Nelson asked leave of absence during the remaining part of the session in consequence of affliction in their families, which request was granted.

Claims Fixed.—The Stewards asked the Conference for instructions in reference to allowing the claims of the following brethren, whereupon it was resolved that the claim of R. H. Harrison be not allowed. Resolved, that the claim of J. T. Coleman be allowed, deducting therefrom the amount he received for teaching school whilst in his work.

After announcements for preaching on the Sabbath day, the Conference adjourned by singing the doxology, and benediction by Bro. G. Bowman.

Fifth Day

DAVENPORT, IOWA, August 11th, 1851.

Conference met and was opened by reading a portion of the scriptures, singing and prayer by Bro. Coleman. Bishop Waugh in the chair.

The minutes of the last session were read, corrected and approved.

Book Concern Report.—The exhibit and the annual report of the book committee from New York was presented to the Conference and read. The report of the book committee on the Western Book Concern, together with an annual exhibit of the same was presented and read.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards submitted their report. On motion it was resolved that this report be so amended in the case of Bro. Maxon as to deduct one-third of his allowance and appropriated to the brother employed on his work.

It was on motion resolved that as a substitute for the above that the Stewards pay Bro. Bushnell \$10.00. The report of the Stewards was then adopted:

STEWARDS' REPORT.

What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? Answer, \$5,348.64.

What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Book Concern	\$ 800 00
Chartered fund	90 00
Fifth collection.....	3 25
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	\$ 893 25

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:—

Bishop Hedding.....	\$ 11 21	S. Clark	\$ 70 00
Bishop Waugh	11 21	G. W. Teas.....	30 00
Bishop Morris.....	11 21	L. T. Rowley.....	55 00
Bishop Hamline	11 21	A. W. Johnson.....	20 00
Bishop Janes	13 41	D. Worthington.....	10 00
Widow Roberts	3 45	T. E. Corkhill.....	40 00
J. W. B. Hewitt	35 00	W. P. Mann.....	25 00
S. Brooks	65 00	L. Case	15 00
J. W. Maxon.....	30 00	M. H. Hare	10 00
W. Blake.....	50 00	N. King.....	11 00
L. C. Woodford.....	35 00	H. J. Burley.....	9 00
J. T. Coleman	15 00	A. Bushnell.....	10 00
S. H. Greenup	35 00	Mrs. Ockerman.....	67 00
R. W. Trimble.....	60 00		
A. Wright.....	25 00	Total.....	\$ 818 70
H. Gibson.....	35 00		

Leaving a balance of \$74.55, which was referred to Committee on Necessitous Cases.

Report on Muscatine Memorial.—The committee on the papers signed by Joseph Williams and others from Muscatine presented a report which was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE MUSCATINE MEMORIAL.

The committee to whom was referred the papers from Muscatine, on the subject of promiscuous sittings, after the examination of said papers, are unable to locate the origin of the difficulty, as there is no evidence of official action being had in the case. There is evidently some feeling on the subject in Muscatine. We regret that this subject should be agitated in Iowa, as the tendency can only be to distract. We would therefore recommend to the brethren of that place mutual forbearance, at least till after the session of the next General Conference, and would also recommend to all our preachers to use their influence in preventing difficulties of a similar character arising in their charges.

S. Clark, Chairman.

Harrison Case.—The committee on the case of R. H. Harrison presented a report which after being read, was laid on the table.

Action in Harrison Case.—On motion resolved, that the name of R. H. Harrison be left off the minutes but retained on the journal for the following year, and that his case be referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the Bishop to investigate his case according to the discipline during the interval of Conference.

Report on Education.—The Committee on Education, presented a report which was read and adopted, with the exception of the second resolution, which respectfully requests the Bishop to appoint H. C. Dean as our agent for the Mt. Pleasant Institute, which resolution on motion was laid on the table:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on the subject of education submit the following report:

Taking into consideration the vast resources and capabilities of our growing state, the rapid increase of its population and the rising and increasing influence of our church, your committee think that, as a Conference, we should be deeply impressed with the importance of giving those who look to us for instruction the opportunities of a sound moral and intellectual training. If we neglect to do this we may expect them to seek for it elsewhere; and in such an event, the literary institutions of other denominations will be open to receive them.

The increasing demands upon us for institutions of learning and the ill success which has hitherto attended our efforts, have already become a subject of complaint among our people.

With feelings of deep regret we refer to the entire failure of the agency of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, during the past year; and, knowing that this institution must be sustained, or we sacrifice both our interest and honor as a church, your committee would suggest the importance of a vigorous effort to improve and sustain the institution. The more effectually to secure the hearty co-operation of the entire Conference in this great work, we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, First—That we are as much as ever convinced of the importance of sustaining the cause of education within the bounds and under the control of this Conference.

Second—That Bishop Waugh be, and is hereby respectfully requested to appoint Brother H. C. Dean, agent for the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute for the ensuing year.

Third—That, as members of the Iowa Annual Conference, we do hereby pledge ourselves to encourage and co operate with Bro. Dean in his agency, should the Bishop appoint him according to our request.

Your committee recommend to the trustees that no attempt be

made to sustain a school in the above mentioned institute until such improvements be made upon the property as will render it practicable to continue a school at all seasons of the year; the improvements to which we allude are such as fence, plank walk, outhouses, etc.

Your committee have considered with much interest the present condition and future prospects of the Davenport Female Seminary. Believing the institution, and those who conduct it with such great acceptability and usefulness, entitled to our highest regards, we offer the following resolutions for your adoption:

Resolved, First—That we have observed with great pleasure the encouraging success of the Davenport Female Seminary and that we have unshaken confidence in the capability of those who have managed and conducted it thus far.

Second—That we, as a Conference, will favorably recommend and use our influence to sustain and encourage this institution.

D. N. Smith, Chairman.

Conference Room, August 9, 1851.

Bible Report.—The Committee on the Bible Cause presented a report, which was read and adopted:

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Iowa Conference:

Dear Brethren—Your committee having taken into consideration the Bible cause, are as fully convinced as ever of the vast importance of circulating the Holy Scriptures among the destitute of our fellow-beings, as a light to guide them to the glories of a better world.

We are happy to know that, through the blessing of God, much has been done during the past year within the bounds of the Iowa Conference through the efforts of our state agent, in connection with the co-operation of the several ministers of the various evangelical denominations.

From the annual report of the Bible Society we learn that in eighteen counties the work of systematic exploration has been attended to in part during the past year; ten thousand families have been visited and 1,686 families have been supplied with the Word of Life. Notwithstanding much has been done, much more still remains to be done. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Iowa Conference, will endeavor to make an increased effort in co-operating with our state agent in making collections and in circulating the Holy Scriptures among the destitute of our several charges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. Simpson, Chairman.

Tract Report.—The Committee on Tracts presented a report which was read and adopted:

REPORT ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of tract distribution beg leave to report:

They are decidedly of the opinion that this is a very important subject, and claims our serious attention, and loudly calls for prompt and energetic action upon our part. The tracts published under the direction and supervision of our book agents contain so much of the spirit of the gospel of peace, that we think through this medium we may successfully introduce the religion of Jesus into families that we could not otherwise reach; and thereby bring them to the foot of the cross of Christ, where they may obtain pardon, peace, holiness, and finally heaven. We regard this as an efficient means of disseminating the light of the Gospel of Christ, and of spreading spiritual holiness all around us.

Your committee are of the opinion that we are behind some of our sister churches in this good work. However we may respect them and admire their zeal, spirit and energy in a work fraught with so much interest and promising such a rich harvest, we think Methodists ought not to be behind any in good works.

Our German brethren call for help. They are desirous that these blazing torches should be scattered broadcast over Germany until her dense population shall be thoroughly enlightened and happily converted to God. The following brethren have contributed for that purpose, viz.: M. H. Hare, \$2; G. Larkins, \$2; H. Gibson, \$2.05; J. B. Hardy, \$2; making in all \$8.05, all of which is paid over to the book agent. The following brethren have bought and circulated tracts in their respective charges, as follows: G. W. Teas of Oskaloosa, to the amount of \$2.95; J. B. Taylor of La-claire, \$3; J. Hayden of Ottumwa, \$7.29.

In conclusion your committee would recommend the propriety of entering into and carrying out the spirit of the resolutions adopted by the Conference at its last session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SANFORD HAINES, Chairman.

Report of Visitors to Davenport Seminary.—The committee appointed by the last Conference to visit the Davenport Female Seminary presented a report, which was read and adopted:

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE TO DAVENPORT
FEMALE SEMINARY.

The committee appointed at our last session to visit the Davenport Female Seminary would respectfully report:

That they have endeavored to discharge the duties enjoined and after considering the condition, claims and prospects of the

institution, feel increased conviction of the efficiency with which it is conducted, and the useful bearing it must have on that portion of the community for whose improvement it has been established. Your committee had the pleasure of being present at the examinations which took place on the 7th inst. and were highly gratified in witnessing the exhibition of so clear and thorough an acquaintance with the several branches of science and literature. The course of study embraces all the branches usually taught in the academy of the first order; and the examination evinced not only a full acquaintance with these branches severally on the part of the teachers, but also an excellent ability to communicate. This was indicated by the proficiency of the classes, and the readiness and accuracy with which they responded to the various questions throughout the examination.

Your committee would, in view of these facts and of the importance of the institution in advancing the cause of female education in our young, but rapidly growing state, commend the Davenport Female Seminary to the favorable attention and patronage of the Iowa Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. KELLY,
E. W. TWINING.

Davenport, August 9th, 1851.

Resolution.—It was resolved that the case of Ransom Gilmore be reconsidered. When it was moved that he be admitted on trial into this Conference, which motion was lost.

Place of Next Session.—Resolved that we now proceed to fix upon the place of holding the next annual session of our Conference. Whereupon the following places were put in nomination Keokuk, Burlington, Iowa City, Oskaloosa, Muscatine and Keosauqua. Burlington was selected as the place.

Report on Periodicals.—The Committee on Periodicals submitted their report, which was read and adopted. (Report lost.)

Burlington Depository.—The auditing committee on the Book Depository at Burlington submitted their report which was read and adopted.

On motion it was resolved that one-third of the books in the depository at Burlington be removed to Dubuque and placed in charge of the station preachers there:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPOSITORY AT BURLINGTON, IOWA.

After examining the acts of the agent we find that in the past year there has not been as much accomplished as we could wish.

There are reasons accounting for it,—unusual bad roads and difficulty of getting the books by our brethren in the interior. \$444.76 worth of books have been bought and paid for. Capital stock \$594.80, \$142.72 being cash on hands, and debts due the Concern; the remainder, books on hand.

M. F. Shinn,
J. McDowell.

Time of Annual Session.—Resolved that our General Superintendents be respectfully requested to change the time of holding our Annual Conference to sometime early in the spring or late in the fall.

Visitors.—A committee of three were appointed to visit the Davenport Female Seminary at some suitable time during the coming year and report at the next session of the Conference. Whereupon the following brethren were appointed said committee: J. G. Dimmitt, John L. Kelly and A. Young.

Missionary Collections.—Resolved that we mutually agree to make an effort to raise a collection for the missionary cause in all our appointments and to raise our contributions the ensuing year to the sum of one thousand dollars.

Hodgson's Case.—A motion to reconsider the case of Bro. Hodgson was made and lost.

Missionary Business.—Resolved, that we take a short recess for the purpose of affording the conference missionary society an opportunity of attending to its business.

Missionary Society.—Resolved, that it is the duty of the Presiding Elders, in conjunction with the traveling preachers, to organize their several circuits and stations into missionary societies in order the more successfully to raise missionary funds.

Muscatine Case.—On motion it was resolved that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to furnish the friends at Muscatine a copy of the report of the committee of the papers signed by Jos. Williams and others from Muscatine.

Book Agents' Report.—Bro. Philips, the representative of the Book Agents at the Western Book Concern made his report.

Accounts Referred.—Resolved that S. W. Ingham account be placed in the hand of the Presiding Elder on the Burlington district for immediate collection. On motion it was declared that

the claim on Mr. Ruble was lost. The claim against H. S. Brunson by resolution was placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder on the Upper Iowa district for collection. R. E. Hill's claim referred to Bro. Teas. J. D. Templin's, the claim against him was declared lost. Claim against W. H. Bolander was referred to Bro. Jay for collection. The claim against R. H. Harrison referred to the committee appointed to investigate his case. The claim against Asbury Collins put into the hands of the Presiding Elder of Iowa City district for collection. On motion it was resolved that the book agent retain so much of the money in the hands of the Stewards for A. W. Johnson as will pay off indebtedness to the book concern. The claim against R. Cock referred to the preacher on Eddyville circuit for collection. On motion it was resolved that Bro. Thos. M. Kirkpatrick be allowed another year to pay off his indebtedness to the Western Book Concern. Bro. J. W. B. Hewitt allowed another year to pay off his account at the same place. The account against Bro. Gray referred to the preacher in charge of Burlington circuit with instructions to collect immediately. Resolved that the agent be allowed to retain in his hands what would otherwise go to the Stewards for Bro. Ockerman, deceased, an amount sufficient to liquidate the amount due the book concern. Resolved, to reconsider the vote in the case of Bro. Johnson, and it was ordered that he be allowed another year to pay off the debt against him at the book concern.

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of giving the Stewards an opportunity of making their distribution.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned after singing the doxology, with benediction by Bro. L. B. Dennis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. John Dennis. Bro. Geo. Bowman in the chair.

Minutes.—Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Stewards' Disbursements.—The Stewards proceeded to make a distribution of the funds in their hands to the claimants of the same.

Report on Necessitous Cases.—The Stewards presented a report on necessitous cases, which on motion was adopted:

REPORT ON NECESSITOUS CASES.

Monies received from Conference and others, \$76.50.

Disbursed as follows:—

S. T. Vail.....	\$10 00	S. Brooks.....	\$ 5 00
J. Jamison.....	9 50		
N. King.....	10 00		\$71 50
L. Case.....	15 00	Balance retained for	
J. T. Coleman.....	7 00	contingent expenses....	5 00
Bro. Burley.....	7 00		
S. Farlow.....	5 00		\$76 50

J. BROOKS, Chairman.

Adjournment.—On motion it was resolved that the Conference now adjourn to meet again at 7:00 o'clock this evening. Conference adjourned with benediction by Bro. Simpson.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 7:00 o'clock pursuant to adjournment and was opened by reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer by Bro. J. G. Dimmitt. Bishop Waugh in the chair.

Minutes.—Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

Harrison Case.—Bishop announced the following committee in the case of Bro. R. H. Harrison: I. I. Stewart, J. G. Dimmitt, Geo. Bowman, Jos. Brooks, M. H. Hare and G. W. Teas.

Report on Sunday Schools.—The committee on Sunday schools presented a report which was read and adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following:

That, in our opinion, as an auxiliary to the Christian church, the Sunday school stands second to none; and is, therefore, worthy of the attention of every Christian and especially of the ministers of the Gospel, whose business it is to save as many souls as they can. And perhaps no field calls more loudly for a faithful and vigorous effort in this department of our work, and promises greater success than that within our own Conference. Shall we do the work and reap the harvest? Much has already been done as will be seen by the following statistical report:

	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Vol. in Library	Bible Classes.	Scholars Inf. Class	Total Expenses	Collected for S. S. Union	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken	Conver- sions
Total	170	1500	7563	16278	134	386	\$	\$	702	417
Increase	3	35		2237	55				117	256
Decrease			1			755	740 00	\$29 30		

It will be seen there is a small decrease in some of these statistics from last year. This doubtless is owing to want of returns from several charges in the bounds of the Conference. And your committee is of the opinion that our Sunday schools are in a more healthy and flourishing condition at the present than ever heretofore. That this institution may continue its advance and increase in prosperity, therefore,

Resolved—First, That we have increasing confidence in the purity and efficiency of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church.

Second—That we will lift collections in our respective charges for the aid of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church.

Third—That a Sunday school convention be held in each district, composed of the traveling preachers and one delegate from each school in the district. The time and place of holding said convention to be fixed by the presiding elder.

Fourth—That we will endeavor to hold Sunday school anniversaries in the different schools on our respective charges at some suitable time during the year.

Fifth—That we will use our endeavors to secure at least twenty subscribers for the Sunday School Advocate in the bounds of each circuit and station within the Iowa Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. SMITH, Chairman.

Conference Room, August 11, 1851.

Committees.—The Bishop announced the following committees on the four year's course of study for next year:

First Year—Bible Doctrines, John L. Kelly; Watson's Institutus, 1st part, Horatio N. Wilbur; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Joshua B. Hardy; English Grammar and M. Geography, Lucas C. Woodford; Essay or Sermon, Sanford Haines.

Second Year—Bible Sacraments, Landon Taylor; Watson's Institutes, 2d part, Laban Case; Peek's Christian Perfection and Fletcher's Appeal, J. T. Coleman; Methodist Discipline, Geo. B. Bowman; Moral Science, M. H. Hare; Essay or Sermon, J. Q. Hammond.

Third Year—Bible History and Chronology, J. G. Dimmitt; Watson's Institutes, 3d part, Moses F. Shinn; Butler's Analogy, Edward W. Twining; Butler's Church History, Joel B. Taylor; Newman's Rhetoric and Hedge's Logic, Wm. Hulburt; Essay or Sermon, Jas. M. McDonald.

Fourth Year—Review of whole course, D. N. Smith; Watson's Institutes, 4th part, John Harris; Claude's Essay, Geo. W. Teas; Horne's Introduction, Henry C. Dean; Essay or Sermon, George H. Jennison.

Report on Missions.—The committee on missions made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee having had under consideration the subject of appropriations for domestic missions, within the bounds of the Iowa Conference, have agreed to make the following appropriations:—

DES MOINES DISTRICT—

Centerville Mission.....	\$ 75.00	
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DUBUQUE DISTRICT—

Bellevue Mission	\$ 45.00	
Andrew Mission	28.00	
Dewitt Mission	50.00	
Sabula Mission.....	60.00	
Spring Rock Mission.....	70.00	
		\$253.00

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—

Anamosa Mission.....	\$ 45.00	
Marion Mission.....	40.00	
Independence Mission.....	75.00	
West Union Mission	90.00	
Elkader Mission	45.00	
Colesburg Mission.....	70.00	
Yellow River Mission.....	90.00	
		\$ 455.00

IOWA CITY DISTRICT—

Iowa City Mission	\$ 60.00	
West Liberty Mission	50.00	
Marshall Mission	50.00	
Sigourney Mission.....	40.00	
Montezuma Mission	50.00	
Marengo Mission	50.00	
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	45.00	
Grandview	30.00	
Big Woods Mission.....	80.00	
Otter Creek	50.00	
		\$ 505.00

FT. DES MOINES DISTRICT—

Ft. Des Moines Mission.....	\$ 50.00
Newton Mission	40.00
Boone Mission.....	40.00
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Chariton Mission.....	70.00
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Signed, M. H. HARE.

Transfer.—Resolved, that Bro. Summers of the Missouri Conference be invited to this Conference whenever the Superintendents of the church may see proper to transfer him.

Reconsidered.—Resolved, that the case of Joshua Bowman be reconsidered, and that the Presiding Elder who presented his recommendation have leave to withdraw it.

Collection for Delegate's Expenses.—Moved that a collection be taken up on all our circuits and stations, in the month of January or February for the purpose of defraying the expenses of our delegates to the next General Conference, said money to be forwarded to the delegate living nearest where said money is collected.

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Publication.—Resolved, that the Secretary and assistant Secretary be a committee to publish the minutes of the eighth session of Iowa Conference in pamphlet form.

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REV. JOSEPH OCKERMAN died at his residence in Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, August 27, 1850, in the 34th year of his age. He was a native of Kentucky and joined the M. E. church in his 18th year. He was licensed to exhort in 1837 and in 1838 was licensed to preach. In 1845 he joined the Iowa Conference, having traveled three years in connection with the Indiana Conference. Some years before Bro. Ockerman was appointed to Raccoon Fork Mission, but was changed by the Presiding Elder to Ottumwa circuit. He was ordained elder in 1846 by Bishop Hamline and appointed to Ottumwa circuit. In 1847 he was appointed to Albia mission, supernumerary, and in 1848 returned to Albia mission and in 1849 to Ft. Des Moines. He attended the Conference at Fairfield, but was in very poor health. He returned to Ft. Des Moines after Conference, soon after which he died.

Time of Meeting of Examining Committee.—Resolved that the examining committee meet at the seat of the next Conference on Monday preceding the meeting of Conference, at 2 p. m.

Educational Report.—Resolved, that the Secretary of Conference send a copy of the report on education to the Missouri Conference and one to the Illinois Conference for their concurrence.

Religious Services.—On motion religious services were now engaged in, Bro. Summers of Wisconsin Conference, singing and leading in prayer.

Close of Session.—Bishop Waugh addressed the Conference briefly, and then read the appointments of the preachers, after which upon motion the Conference adjourned by singing the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

B. WAUGH.

JACOB G. DIMMITT, Secretary.

GEORGE JENNINGS, Assistant Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

Deacons—Solomon T. Vail, Wm. H. Corkhill, Richard Hodgson, Michael Depper, Wm. Burris. The above named brethren were ordained deacons on Sabbath, August 10, 1851, in the M. E. church at Davenport, Iowa, by me. B. WAUGH.

[The certificate of ordination of elders is missing, but the General Minutes show that J. T. Coleman, J. Q. Hammond, J. W. B. Hewitt, Joseph Jamison, Ancil Wright, Erastus Lathrop, S. H. Greenup, R. Swearengen and H. C. Dean were so ordained at the Conference of 1851.—E. H. W.]

APPOINTMENTS**DES MOINES DISTRICT.—ANDREW COLMAN, P. E.**

Keokuk	Wm. F. Cowles
Montrose	John Jay
Farmington	John Guylee
Winchester	Loveland T. Rowley, One to be supplied
Birmingham	S. Clark, One to be supplied
Keosauqua	One to be supplied
Ottumwa	L. Case
Eddyville	J. Q. Hammond
Pittsburg	F. W. Evans
Bloomfield	F. H. Carey, Geo. H. Clark
Centerville Mission	To be supplied

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—I. I. STEWART, P. E.

Burlington	Joseph Brooks
Ft. Madison	Erastus Lathrop
West Point	Joshua B. Hardy
Salem	T. M. Kirkpatrick
New London	M. F. Shinn
Middletown	Thomas E. Corkhill
Yellow Spring	Horatio N. Wilbur
Crawfordsville	J. Jamison, J. Cameron
Mt. Pleasant	John Harris
Fairfield	Joseph McDowell
Brighton	Wm. Armstrong
Locust Grove	To be supplied

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—A. YOUNG, P. E.

Dubuque	Wm. Hulburt
Catfish	Alpha J. Kynett
Bellevue Mission	Robt. W. Trimble
Andrew Mission	Samuel Farlow
Maquoketa	J. C. Smith
Sabula Mission	Ira Blackford
Dewitt Mission	J. Walker
Davenport	Landon Taylor
Leclaire	James McDonald

Spring Rock Mission.....	Rufus Ricker
Fairport.....	George Larkins
Muscatine.....	Henry C. Dean

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—H. W. REED, P. E.

Cascade.....	J. G. Dimmitt, Isaac Newton
Anamosa Mission.....	Harvey Taylor
Mt. Vernon.....	G. B. Bowman
Marion Mission.....	E. W. Twining
Independence Mission.....	To be supplied
West Union Mission.....	S. H. Greenup
Elkader Mission.....	To be supplied
Garnavillo.....	J. L. Kelly
Colesburg Mission.....	J. T. Coleman
Dubuque Circuit.....	Joel B. Taylor
Yellow River Mission.....	Alfred Bishop
Norwegian Mission.....	To be supplied

IOWA CITY DISTRICT.—D. WORTHINGTON, P. E.

Iowa City Mission.....	Michael H. Hare
West Liberty Mission.....	J. W. B. Hewitt
Grandview Mission.....	L. C. Woodford
Tipton.....	Ancil Wright
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	Nelson King
Otter Creek Mission.....	Elias Skinner
Big Woods Mission.....	S. T. Vail
Washington.....	G. H. Jennison
Sigourney Mission.....	Hiram J. Burley
Montezuma Mission.....	Wesley R. Blake
Marshall Mission.....	To be supplied
Marengo Mission.....	Strange Brooks

FORT DES MOINES DISTRICT—JOHN HAYDEN, P. E.

Ft. Des Moines.....	Sanford Haines
Newton Mission.....	Wm. P. Mann
Boone Mission.....	To be supplied

Red Rock Mission.....	R. Swearengen
Oskaloosa.....	G. W. Teas
Albia.....	M. See
Chariton Mission.....	Elias L. Briggs
Knoxville.....	Allen W. Johnson
Three Rivers Mission	D. T. Sweem
Adel Mission.....	Robert G. Hawn
Council Bluffs Mission.....	Wm. Simpson, One to be supplied
Page and Taylor Mission.....	To be supplied

Thomas C. Crawford and David Crawford transferred to Indiana Conference. Levin B. Dennis and John H. Dennis transferred to Missouri Conference. Alexander Nelson transferred to North Ohio Conference, and stationed at Tiffin.

Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Preach's	Churches	Parson-ages	Raised for Missions	Raised for S. Schools	Raised for Arm. Bible Society	Raised for
DES MOINES DISTRICT										
Keokuk	145	34		2	1		\$ 25	\$.		\$44 75
Montrose	187	60		4						
Farmington	103	53		1	1					38 75
Winchester	385	9		5	1	1	50			
Birmingham	449	85		10	4	1	17 05			34 55
Keosauqua	125	25		1	1					
Ottumwa	300	80		3			19 00			30 00
Eddyville	200	34		5	1	1	9 00			15 00
Oskaloosa	228	43		4						22 00
Pittsburg	303	60		5	2		3 00			24 00
Bloomfield										
Centerville	165	31		3		1				
Knoxville	497	94		1	2		5 75			
Albia	315	53		3	1	1				
Total	3402	661		47	14	6	54 55			189 55
Last year	3140	760	3	52	15	7	104 40			175 00
Increase										
Decrease	262	99	3	5	1	1	49 85			14 55
BURLINGTON DISTRICT										
Burlington	285	63	2	3	1	1	\$40 00	\$.		\$60 00
Fort Madison	169			1	1					
West Point	282	14		5	2	1	18 00			19 00
New London	484	33		4	4	2	10 80	50		41 00
Yellow Springs	269	100		2	2	1				19 75
Crawfordsville	400	30		5	3	1				
Mt. Pleasant	322	8		4	3	1				6 00
Fairfield	187	103		2	1	1				40 00
Brighton	275	40		4	1		13 00			
Locust Grove				5	1	1	4 85			
Grandview	162	60		4	3	1	3 15			
Total	2835	396	2	39	22	10	\$89 80	50		185 95
Last year	2949	546	2	40	18	8	62 00	\$15 00		112 00
Increase					4	2	27 80			73 95
Decrease	114	150		1				14 50		
IOWA CITY DISTRICT										
Iowa City	86	2		2	1	1	\$ 7 00	\$.		\$15 00
West Liberty										
Washington	210	29		1	4	3	8 50			15 00
Montezuma	176	82		1		1				
Newton	89	109		2			5 00			
Three Rivers										
Fort Des Moines	123	28		2	1		5 80			29 00
Boone	88	15					1 75			
Marengo	101	20	1							
Cedar Rapids	67	24								
Council Bluffs	95	28		3			15 70			
Total	1035	437	1	11	6	5	43 75			\$59 00
Last year	1172	228		18	9	6	\$70 80			96 00
Increase		209	1							
Decrease	137			7	3	1	27 05			37 00
DUBUQUE DISTRICT										
Dubuque City	174	72	3	1	1		\$.	\$.		\$.
Catfish	97	50		1	1		12 80			31 00
Bellevue	127	37		5	1					
Maquoketa	154	47		1	1	1				
Sabula	101	1		3	1					
De Witt	79	18								
Davenport	98	14		2	1	1	26 40			
Le Claire	134	37		1	1	1	20 00	1 00		35 00
Tipton	153	13		2	1	1				
Fairport	118	60		2	3					
Muscatine	189	20		2	1					26 00
Total	1434	416	3	20	12	4	59 20	\$ 1 00		\$92 00

Upper Iowa District was taken from this District, or at least a large portion of it.

Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Preachers	Churches	Parsonages	Raised for Missions	Raised for S. Schools	Raised for Am. Bible Society.
UPPER IOWA DISTRICT									
Cascade.....	107	10	---	4	1	1	\$---	\$---	\$---
Anamosa.....	90	80	---	3	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Vernon.....	180	40	---	2	1	1	5 00	1 00	---
Marion.....	140	20	---	2	1	1	---	---	15 00
Big Woods.....	39	3	---	1	---	1	---	---	---
Otter Creek.....	65	9	---	1	---	---	1 35	---	---
Yellow River.....	76	22	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Garnaville.....	171	40	---	3	1	1	6 25	---	---
Colesburg.....	163	27	---	2	1	---	3 00	---	---
Dubuque Circuit.....	270	140	---	9	3	---	40 40	---	51 17
Total.....	745	238	---	26	8	5	\$56 00	\$ 1 00	\$66 17
RECAPITULATION.									
Des Moines District.....	3204	661	---	47	14	6	\$54 55	\$---	189 55
Burlington District.....	2835	396	2	39	22	10	89 80	50	185 95
Iowa City District.....	1035	437	1	11	6	5	43 75	---	59 00
Dubuque District.....	1434	416	3	20	12	4	59 20	1 00	92 00
Upper Iowa District.....	745	238	---	26	8	5	56 00	1 00	66 17
Grand total this year.....	9451	2150	6	143	62	30	301 30	\$ 2 50	592 67
Total last year.....	9185	1872	8	138	52	26	382 92	---	594 35
Increase.....	266	278	---	5	10	4	\$71 62	\$ 2 50	\$---
Decrease.....	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	1 68

Whites 9451; Probationers 2150; Colored 6; Local Preachers 143; Aggregate this year 11,750; Aggregate last year 11,203; Total increase 547.

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MINUTES OF NINTH SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, September 29, 1852.

The ninth session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convened at Burlington, Iowa, September 29th, 1852, at 8:00 o'clock a. m., Bishop Ames in the chair.

Opening Services.—Conference was opened by reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer by the Bishop and by A. Coleman.

Roll.—The roll was called by the former Secretary, Bro. Dimmitt. Members present: Samuel Clark, A. Coleman, A. Young, Joseph McDowell, H. W. Reed, I. I. Stewart, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, J. G. Dimmitt, D. Worthington, W. Simpson, H. N. Wilbur, M. F. Shinn, J. L. Kelly, J. B. Hardy, John Hayden, Jos. Brooks, A. W. Johnson, L. B. Taylor, W. F. Cowles, Laban Case, John Harris, M. H. Hare, E. W. Twining, John Jay, Landon Taylor, E. Lathrop, G. W. Teas, G. H. Jennison, A. Wright, L. C. Woodford, J. C. Smith, H. C. Dean, J. T. Coleman, S. Haines, R. Swearengen, S. Brooks, S. Farlow and L. T. Rowley.

Secretary.—On motion it was agreed that the Conference proceed to the election of a Secretary by ballot, whereupon Michael H. Hare was declared duly elected on the third ballot.

Assistant Secretary.—The Secretary requesting an assistant, Bro. G. H. Jennison was elected by acclamation.

Journal.—The Secretaries were directed by the Conference to procure a Conference journal.

Committees.—The following committees were duly appointed by the Conference:

Conference Stewards—H. C. Dean, Joel B. Taylor, M. F. Shinn.

Necessitous Cases—The Conference Stewards were appointed said committee.

Public Worship—I. I. Stewart, Jos. Brooks, H. N. Wilbur, Thos. E. Corkhill.

Sabbath Schools and Tracts—John Harris, Landon Taylor, J. B. Hardy.

Memoirs—D. Worthington, E. W. Twining.

Education—One from each district. Samuel Clark, Des Moines district; J. McDowell, Burlington district; H. C. Dean, Dubuque district; J. G. Dimmitt, Upper Iowa district; G. H. Jennison, Iowa City district; G. W. Teas, Ft. Des Moines district.

New York Book Concern—Landon Taylor, J. L. Kelly.

Periodicals and Book Depository, St. Louis—W. F. Cowles, Jos. Brooks, J. C. Smith.

Temperance—Erastus Lathrop, Sanford Haines, J. G. Dimmitt.

Bible Cause—Wm. Simpson, Ancil Wright, T. M. Kirkpatrick.

Postoffices—John Jay.

Finances—Geo. W. Teas, G. H. Jennison, J. B. Hardy.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Historical Committee—Samuel Clark, I. I. Stewart, H. W. Reed.

Referred.—The financial plan of the Wisconsin annual conference was referred to the committee on finances.

Book Agents.—Bro. A. Poe, book agent at Cincinnati, was introduced to the Conference and made some remarks in reference to his agency, etc.

Introduced.—Bro. Butt of the Indiana Conference, was introduced; also Rev. Mr. Salter of this city, pastor of the Congregational church.

Hours.—The Conference ordered that the hour of meeting during the session be 8:00 o'clock a. m., to adjourn at 12 o'clock.

Introduced.—Bro. Waldo, German missionary of this city, was introduced to the Conference.

Second Question.—Who remain on trial? Thos. E. Corkhill, character passed and he continued on trial. Robt. W. Trimble is continued at his own request. Harvey Taylor passed and continued; not being present and not having been before the examining committee he was referred back for examination.

On motion of Jos. Brooks it was ordered by the Conference that all deficiencies in the course of study be referred back for examination.

Rufus Ricker passed and continued. Isaac Newton passed and continued. W. Armstrong passed and continued on trial and referred back for examinations. A. Bishop passed and continued. A. J. Kynette passed and continued. E. S. Briggs passed and continued. Jas. McDonald passed and continued. W. P. Mann, Geo. Clark, Robert G. Hawn, F. W. Evans and E. Skinner passed and continued. Bro. Mann referred on grammar and geography. Bro. Hawn referred back on the whole course. J. Q. Burley passed.

S. T. Vail's Death.—Solomon T. Vail having died during the year, Bro. Worthington, his presiding elder, stated to the Conference the facts in connection with his death. He died at his post. By request of Bishop Ames, the Conference joined in singing the hymn commencing, "And let this feeble body fail," after which prayer was devoutly offered up, Bro. Samuel Clark leading.

MEMOIR OF REV. S. T. VAIL.

Rev. Solomon T. Vail was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., in 1814. He emigrated to Iowa in 1842, and was converted to God, and joined the M. E. church at a campmeeting on New London circuit in 1845, under the pastoral labors of Rev. Uriah Ferree. He was licensed to preach in 1848, and in 1849 was received on trial by the Iowa Annual Conference, at Ft. Madison, and appointed to Anamosa mission; and in 1850 to Big Woods mission. In 1851 he was admitted into the traveling connection, ordained deacon by Bishop Waugh, and reappointed to Big Woods mission, where he closed his earthly labors in holy triumph July 28, 1852. Bro. Vail was a promising young man, of good intellect, deeply pious, and had very fine preaching abilities. Laboring on the frontier, he was zealous, persevering and punctual to his appointments, working with his might in the cause of his Master, until his feeble constitution gave way, and he fell at his post. He was permitted to attend the last quarterly meeting for the year, and see the pleasure of the Lord prosper; but was immediately attacked with bilious intermittent fever, which lasted one week, when he peacefully departed to rest from his labors, leaving a wife and one child to mourn their irreparable loss. May the prayers of the church and the grace of God sustain them.

Drafts.—An order of \$338.20 was made upon the book concern, and \$120 upon the chartered fund.

Fifth Question.—Who have been elected elders this year? Strange Brooks, J. C. Smith, Samuel Farlow, characters passed and elected. Lucius C. Woodford passed; in orders referred back for examination.

Memorial.—Memorial from Keokuk station in reference to secular engagements of preachers was on motion laid on the table.

Effective Elders.—Examination of effective elders taken up. A. Coleman, W. F. Cowles, John Jay, Samuel Clark, J. Q. Hammond, F. H. Carey, whose characters passed. Laban Case referred indefinitely.

Adjournment.—Appointments announced, prayer by Joel B. Taylor, and Conference then adjourned.

Second Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, September 30th, 1852.

Conference was opened by reading scriptures, singing, and prayer by Bro. Jacob G. Dimmitt. Roll called, minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Roll Dispensed With.—A motion prevailed that the Conference dispense with the calling of the roll during the remainder of the sessions.

Publication.—On motion it was ordered that a committee be appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes of our annual conference. Said committee to consist of the following brethren: M. H. Hare, Jos. Brooks, J. G. Dimmitt.

Third Question.—Who are elected deacons and admitted into the traveling connection? Jos. Cannon and Loveland T. Rowley came forward. After some appropriate remarks and an examination by Bishop Ames before the Conference, characters passed and they admitted into full connection. Bro. Cameron was elected to deacon's orders, Bro. Rowley being already a deacon. John Güylee and Wesley R. Blake, characters passed and continued on trial. Nelson King discontinued at his own request.

Transfers.—Bishop announced to Conference the transfer to this Conference of O. C. Shelton of the Ohio Conference, and Abram Carey of the Northwest Indiana Conference.

Introduced.—O. C. Shelton, F. H. Carey and S. Covell were introduced to the Conference.

Resolution.—The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That we cordially receive into our Conference Bro. Butt of the Indiana Conference, if the Bishop should see proper to transfer him.

L. Case.—The matter in reference to Bro. Case was called up. After some remarks by several brethren, and by Bro. Case himself, his character passed.

First Question.—Who are admitted on trial? Whereupon the following brethren were received: David Dickinson, W. C. Shippen, Aza Crutchfield, O. P. Peterson, A. B. Kendig, John Parker, E. H. Winans, J. Darrah, M. Hixon.

Notice was given that the statistics would be taken tomorrow morning.

Appeal.—Conference ordered that the appeal case of L. Dwight be made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Appointments announced, doxology sung, prayer by Bro. Young, and Conference adjourned.

Third Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, October 1st, 1852.

Conference was opened with reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer by Bro. Smith of the Missouri Conference. Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Statistics.—Thirteenth question taken up: What are the number of members and what of probationers? [See table of statistics.]

N. King's Claim.—On motion it was ordered by the Conference that the claim of Nelson King, who left his work in the bounds of the Iowa City district, be not allowed.

R. Swearengen's Claim.—On motion of Bro. Clark the Conference Stewards were instructed to use their discretion in allowing the claim of R. Swearengen.

L. Dwight's Appeal.—Moved by Bro. Kelly and carried that the appeal case which was on yesterday made the order of the day for this morning be indefinitely postponed.

Report on Education.—The report of the committee on edu-

cation was presented and read by Bro. Dimmitt. Preamble and report adopted as a whole:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on the subject of Education respectfully beg leave to present the following report:

They have endeavored to give the subject a patient and thorough investigation, and have found the subject exceedingly perplexed, and the investigation, in some respects, painfully embarrassing.

Yet your committee being so deeply impressed with the vital importance of the subject, and also feeling the weight of responsibility that rests upon us as a Conference, in reference to the interests of education within our bounds, have, to the best of their ability, endeavored to meet any difficulty in the way.

We have addressed ourselves to this only with the greatest degree of perseverance from the consideration that Methodism and a sound and sanctified literature have traveled hand in hand together, since the days of Wesley to the present time; purifying the moral nature, and elevating the intellectual character of hundreds and thousands of our fellow men.

Furthermore, we cannot believe that Methodism, baptized, as it was, within the walls of a College, and having been the steady and uniform patron and promoter of a sound and liberal education, will be betrayed and abandoned in this one of her vital interests of the Iowa Annual Conference. Surely the ministers of the Conference will not prove so recreant to themselves and the true interests of our beloved Zion as thus to act. We cannot believe that this suicidal course will be entertained for one moment; but that every member of this Conference will feel himself deeply interested in promoting and sustaining the interests of education among us.

MT. PLEASANT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The Collegiate Institute at Mt. Pleasant has been resting in a state of inglorious ease during the past year. It is true that efforts have been made recently to employ a teacher and re-open the Institute; but without success. The value of our property there is supposed to be somewhere between five and six thousand dollars; and our liabilities about \$300, with nothing reliable to liquidate the same. In view of redeeming the Institution from its embarrassments, and to put it in successful operation, we present the following resolutions for your adoption:

First—Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop now presiding to appoint Rev. James McDonald, A. M., Principal of Mt. Pleasant Institute.

Second—Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop to appoint an Agent to travel through the Conference and collect funds for the purpose of relieving and sustaining said Institute.

Third—Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop to appoint one of the following persons to said Agency; to-wit:—I. I. Stewart, Thos. E. Corkhill or J. C. Smith.

MT. VERNON WESLEYAN SEMINARY.

It is with great pleasure that your committee inform the Conference of a proposition from Rev. G. B. Bowman to transfer to this Conference without pecuniary consideration, the following property for educational purposes; to-wit:—fifteen acres of land in the county of Linn, and adjoining the plat of the Town of Mt. Vernon, in this State; upon which there is now in progress of erection, a large and substantial edifice, adapted to and designed for Educational and Collegiate purposes. A reliable subscription of \$3500 has been secured in the immediate neighborhood of said property, and there is a willingness on the part of those subscribers to double their subscriptions, if it should be found necessary for the completion of said edifice.

This building is 72x40 feet, designed to be 3 stories high. Twelve or fifteen workmen are now employed on said building; with a sufficient amount of material, (or nearly so,) to enclose said building.

We, your committee, therefore propose the following resolutions for adoption:

First—Resolved, That we accept the proposition of Rev. G. B. Bowman, and receive the property proposed at Mt. Vernon.

Second—Resolved, That we appoint nine Trustees, five of them laymen and four of them members of this Conference, to receive said property in pursuance of, and under the General Incorporation Law of this State.

Third—Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop to appoint Rev. G. B. Bowman as an agent to superintend the completion of said Mt. Vernon Seminary, and to procure further subscriptions and donations for the use of said building.

Fourth—Resolved, That, if the Bishop should deem proper to appoint Agents for the two Institutions, above named, and said Agents should think proper to visit any of our Circuits or Stations in furtherance of the object of their mission, we, the members of this Conference, will cordially receive and aid said Agents in the object of their mission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. CLARKE, Chairman.

Trustees.—On motion it was ordered that the committee on education be authorized to nominate trustees for the Mt. Pleas-

ant Collegiate Institute, and also for the Mt. Vernon Wesleyan Seminary:

ADDITIONAL REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on the subject of Education beg leave to present the following additional report:—

The specific duty assigned us, as we understand it, is to present the names of proper persons to fill certain offices connected with our literary institutions.

Your committee, in carrying out the objects of their appointment, present the following resolutions for your consideration and adoption:

First—Resolved, That Rev. Samuel Clark be appointed president of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, Ephraim Kirkpatrick secretary, and Johnson Houseman treasurer. And James F. Davis, Dr. Wellington Bird, Harry M. Snyder, Jos. McDowell, Erastus Lathrop and James C. Smith trustees of said collegiate institute.

Second—Resolved, That the following brethren, (members of the M. E. church and laymen,) to-wit: Elijah Waln, Esq., Allison J. Willits, Jesse H. Holman, Henry Keppler and Wm. Hazlette, together with Rev. G. B. Bowman, H. W. Reed, Joel B. Taylor and E. W. Twining, (members of this Conference), be appointed a Board of Trustees for Mt. Vernon Wesleyan Seminary.

Third—Resolved, That Geo. W. Teas be appointed a trustee of Northwestern University at Chicago.

Fourth—Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Burlington district, the preachers in charge on New London circuit, Middletown circuit, Mt. Pleasant circuit and Burlington station be a visiting committee to visit the institute at Mt. Pleasant some time in the latter part of the ensuing year and report to the Conference at its next annual session.

Fifth—That the Presiding Elder on the Upper Iowa district, and preachers in charge on Mt. Vernon and Marion circuits be appointed a visiting committee to visit the Mt. Vernon Wesleyan Seminary some time during the latter part of the ensuing conference year and report to this Conference at its next annual session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL CLARK, Chairman.

L. Dwight's Appeal.—The order of the day was then on motion taken up, and it was moved by Bro. Clark that the appeal case of Lewis Dwight be sent back to the Mt. Pleasant circuit for a new trial. The motion prevailed.

Bible Report.—Report of the committee on the Bible cause

was presented and read by the Secretary. Report amended and adopted:

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Bishop and members of the Iowa Annual Conference:

Your committee on the Bible cause respectfully report that, while they greatly rejoice at what has been done and is doing, for the spread of the Bible in our midst, yet they are convinced by efforts now being made for a new and sectarian translation of the Holy Scriptures, that greater efforts should be put forth for the universal circulation of the Bible, without note or comment.

We rejoice that the common version of the Bible has been the light and consolation of thousands for centuries past, and have the confidence that, as it shall be scattered abroad among the families of the earth, it shall dispel the darkness of moral night and that the gospel of the Son of God, which it brings, will be the power of God unto the salvation of souls; and having sustained them in the journey, and trials, and conflicts of life, will introduce them into the glories and enjoyments of heaven.

We have no affinity with or fellowship for those who would do away with our Bible,—the Protestant Bible,—and substitute in its stead one containing the dogmas of a party, and coined for the support of a sinking cause.

We believe, notwithstanding the many charges of error against the common version, that it contains substantially "the mind of the spirit." And its wide diffusion and prayerful investigation will dissipate error, enlighten the mind, purify the heart, and amend the conduct of a sin-accursed but redeemed race. Therefore,

Resolved, First, That we most cordially approve of the Bible as it is.

Second—That we continue to confide in the American Bible Society which is accomplishing a mighty work in the circulation of the Word of Life.

Third—That we will continue, as heretofore to aid the agent of the parent society in this state, and the agents of the several auxiliaries throughout our bounds in their "labor of love".

WM. SIMPSON, Chairman.

Effective Elders.—Examination of effective elders was taken up. Isaac I. Stewart, Jos. Brooks, Erastus Lathrop, J. B. Hardy, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, M. F. Shinn, H. N. Wilbur, Jos. Jamison, Joseph McDowell and John Harris. Passed.

Appointments announced, prayer by Bro. Harris and Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, October 2d, 1852.

Conference was opened with the usual religious exercises, led by T. M. Kirkpatrick. Minutes read and corrected.

Effective Elders.—Examination of effective elders taken up. A. Young, Ira Blackford passed. John Walker located at his own request. Landon Taylor, Geo. Larkins, H. C. Dean, H. W. Reed, J. G. Dimmitt, G. B. Bowman, E. W. Twining, all passed. S. H. Greenup located at his own request. J. L. Kelly, J. T. Coleman and J. B. Taylor passed.

Stewards' Report.—Conference Stewards made their report. On motion adopted:

STEWARDS' REPORT.

What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? Answer, \$5,892.92.

What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Book Concern	\$ 338 20
Chartered fund	120 00
Fifth collection	2 50
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	\$ 460 70

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:—

L. Case	\$ 34 00	J. W. B. Hewitt	\$ 5 00
J. W. Maxon	104 00	Mrs. Arrington and	
T. M. Kirkpatrick	27 00	children	70 59
S. H. Greenup	52 00	Mrs. Ockerman	7 20
S. Brooks	22 00	Mrs. Vail	10 00
R. Swearengen	61 00	In hands of Stewards	
L. Skinner	23 00	for necessitous cases ..	11 45
E. L. Briggs	39 00		

J. W. Maxon's Dividend. — Ordered that the Conference Stewards be instructed to pay over to the book agent Bro. Maxon's dividend of the conference funds in their hands.

Effective Elders.—D. Worthington, M. H. Hare, A. Wright, Hugh Gibson passed.

Located.—A motion to superannuate J. W. B. Hewitt at his own request was lost. On motion he was granted a location.

Bro. G. H. Jennison asked of the Conference a location, consenting to leave the matter optional with the Conference. A motion to locate him at his own request was lost.

Local Orders.—Application of local preachers for election to deacon's orders was taken up. Samuel K. Fowler, Nathan Shephard, Jesse Newell, G. F. Twigg, C. P. Reynolds, Alfred Bishop, Thos. Middleton, John Hestwood and Elias L. Briggs elected.

Mission Report:—The report of the mission committee was presented and read by Bro. Reed, and concurred in by Bishop Ames. Total amount of missionary appropriations for this Conference is \$2500; also Norwegian mission \$300. On motion the report was adopted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Mission Committee met at the Bishop's room the 29th of September and the 1st of October, 1852, and organized by electing Bishop Ames chairman and H. W. Reed secretary.

On motion the following places were constituted missions and the following appropriations made:—

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.....	\$ 50 00
DES MOINES DISTRICT—	
Centerville Mission.....	\$ 50.00
	\$ 50.00
IOWA CITY DISTRICT—	
West Liberty Mission.....	50.00
Otter Creek.....	60.00
Sigourney Mission.....	50.00
Marshall Mission.....	75.00
Wassonville Mission.....	50.00
Iowa City Mission.....	50.00
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	40.00
Big Woods Mission.....	100.00
Montezuma Mission.....	50.00
Marengo Mission.....	75.00
	\$ 600.00
DUBUQUE DISTRICT—	
Andrew Mission.....	\$ 50.00
Sabula Mission.....	60.00
Dewitt Mission.....	60.00
Bellevue Mission.....	50.00
Spring Rock Mission.....	70.00
	60.00
	50.00
	\$290.00

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—

Marion Mission.....	\$ 50.00
West Union Mission.....	40.00
Colesburg Mission.....	50.00
Delhi Mission.....	65.00
Anamosa Mission.....	50.00
Independence Mission.....	80.00
Elkader Mission.....	75.00
Lansing.....	125.00
Canton.....	70 00
	\$ 605.00

FT. DES MOINES DISTRICT—

Newton Mission.....	\$ 70.00
Chariton Mission.....	75.00
Winterset Mission.....	90 00
Albia Mission.....	75.00
Adel Mission.....	50.00
Mahaska Mission.....	70.00
	\$ 430.00

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT—

Kanesville Mission.....	\$ 225.00
Sidney Mission.....	50.00
Page and Taylor Mission.....	200.00
	\$ 475.00
Norwegian Mission.....	\$ 300.00

Total.....\$2500.00

Signed, E. R. AMES, Chairman.
H. W. REED, Secretary.

Norwegian \$300 special appropriation.

Records.—It was ordered by the Conference that Bro. H. W. Reed be authorized to procure a record book for the mission committee. Also that Bro. Dean be authorized to procure a record book for the Board of Conference Stewards.

Financial Report.—Report on finances presented and read by Bro. Teas. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the report was laid on the table.

Appointments for Sabbath, etc., announced, doxology sung, benediction pronounced by M. H. Hare, and Conference adjourned.

Fifth Day

BURLINGTON, IOWA, October 4th, 1852.

Conference was opened with the usual exercises by Bro. Simpson. Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Seat of Conference.—Question eighteen was taken up: Where shall the next Conference be held? Oskaloosa and Dubuque were put in nomination. Oskaloosa receiving the highest vote was announced as the place of holding our next session, September 28th, 1853.

Examination Committees.—The examining committees were announced by Bishop Ames as follows:

First year, J. B. Taylor, Wm. Simpson, J. Q. Hammond.

Second year, G. H. Jennison, M. See, E. Lathrop.

Third year, J. Brooks, J. McDowell, J. B. Hardy.

Fourth year, J. G. Dimmitt, G. B. Bowman, G. W. Teas.

Seventh Question.—The name of Bro. J. W. Maxon, a superannuate, was called, when on motion his relation was continued.

Report on Book Depository in St. Louis.—Report of committee on communication from Jacksonville and Springfield touching periodicals and book depository in St. Louis was read by Bro. Smith. Report amended and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee to whom was referred the memorial from the preachers' association of Jacksonville and Springfield, Ill., would respectfully submit the following report:

That the necessities arising from the following considerations are, in and of themselves, sufficient to warrant the book agents at Cincinnati in carrying into effect the provisions made by the last General Conference for the establishing of a book depository and publication of a weekly journal in the city of St. Louis:

First—There are now within the bounds of Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Southern Illinois and Arkansas Conferences upwards of 40,000 members of the M. E. church, who can be supplied with books and a weekly newspaper much quicker, with less expense and less risk either to the buyer or seller from St. Louis than from Cincinnati. During the great portion of the winter season for various, perhaps unavoidable causes, the Western Christian Advocate does not reach us west of the Mississippi river for several weeks after its issue. Again, for some seven or eight months of the year the risks are such attending the transportation of books from Cincinnati that hundreds of dollars worth of books are not ordered that otherwise

would be. Your committee are of the opinion that the issuing of a weekly journal and the establishment of a depository of our books at St. Louis will, to a great extent, if not entirely, remove these obstructions and objections to the more successful and extensive circulation of Methodistical literature and theology.

Secondly—The vast territory lying west of the Mississippi River, extending from Minnesota to Texas, and west to the Rocky Mountains, over which the M. E. church is extending as fast as the emigration to these countries, all of which can be better supplied with books, etc., from St. Louis than from any other point. Therefore, resolved—

First—That we respectfully request the book agents at Cincinnati to open a book depository and commence the issue of a weekly journal in the city of St. Louis as soon as 5,000 subscribers are obtained.

Second—That we elect a member of this Conference a member of the publishing committee of said paper.

Third—That as a Conference we will lend our influence and patronage to the support of the depository and paper; at least that portion of our Conference south of the Iowa river.

W. F. Cowles, Chairman.

Ordinations.—The following brethren were ordained elders by Bishop Ames in the M. E. church in Burlington, Iowa, on Sabbath afternoon, October 3d, 1852: Strange Brooks, J. C. Smith, Samuel Farlow. Also the following brethren were ordained deacons by Bishop Ames in the M. E. church at Burlington, Iowa, Sabbath morning, Oct. 3, 1852: Joseph Cameron, William Taylor, Samuel K. Fowler, Geo. F. Twigg, C. P. Reynolds, Alfred Bishop, Thos. Middleton, Elias L. Briggs.

Report on Education.—An additional report was made by the committee on education, which was amended and adopted.

Publishing Committee.—On motion of Bro. Cowles, Bro. D. Brooks was appointed a member of the publishing committee at St. Louis; also G. B. Bowman on the publishing committee at Chicago.

Historical Report.—The report of the historical committee was presented and read and adopted. The report recommended the formation of a historical society of the Iowa Conference, whereupon the following officers were elected by the Conference: President, Samuel Clark; vice-president, G. W. Teas; secretary, J. C. Smith; treasurer, Joel B. Taylor; managers, T. M. Kirkpatrick, A. Coleman, S. Haines, M. F. Shinn, I. I. Stewart, J. L. Kelly, G. B. Bowman, W. Simpson.

Necessitous Cases.—The committee on necessitous cases made their report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON NECESSITOUS CASES.

Amount remaining on hand.....	\$11.45
Public collection at Conference	42.20
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	\$53.65
 Paid to Bro. Hawn.....	 \$ 5.00
G. W. Teas.....	5.00
Bro. Blake.....	10.00
Bro. Skinner.....	10.00
S. Brooks.....	5 00
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	\$35.00
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Which appears to have been paid Mrs. Vail.	\$18.65

Report on Sabbath Schools.—The report from the committee on Sabbath schools was presented and read by Bro. Harris. Report adopted.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee beg leave here to introduce the circular of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church. Your committee hope and believe that these appeals will not be lost on this Conference. During the past year some effort was made to carry out the resolution of the last Conference with regard to the Sunday School District Association. The secretaries not having furnished any reports we are not able to say what has been done. We are happy to report that success has attended the cause during the last year, but it is the opinion of your committee that an agent should be employed to travel through the state and present the claims of the Sunday School cause, and especially of the M. E. Sunday School Union. Your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

First—That each preacher hold within the bounds of his work during the Christmas holidays a meeting in behalf of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church, at which time addresses shall be delivered and a collection made.

Second—That we earnestly recommend to the Conference the holding of district associations in behalf of the Sunday school cause and that such meetings be held during the month of May, the time and place of meeting to be given by the Presiding Elder.

Third—That it be the duty of the secretary of each district association to furnish a report to the committee on Sunday Schools at the next annual Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John Harris, Chairman.

Resolution on Collections.—Ordered that the resolution of last year in reference to the raising of funds for the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church be reaffirmed.

Agents to Co-operate in Sunday School Efforts.—The agents for our seminaries of learning were on motion requested to co-operate with the preachers in behalf of our Sunday school enterprise.

Afternoon Session.—On motion it was agreed that when we adjourn we will meet at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

Trustee at N.-W. U.—G. W. Teas was appointed a trustee of the North-Western University at Chicago.

Conference S. S. Union.—A motion prevailed that we organize a Conference Sunday School Union, whereupon the following officers were elected: President, John Harris; vice-president, G. H. Jennison; secretary, Landon Taylor; treasurer, E. W. Twining; managers, H. W. Reed, I. I. Stewart, A. Coleman, M. F. Shinn, John Hayden.

Financial Report.—Report on finances taken from the table. Report adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Whereas, The finances of most of the circuits and stations are in a lamentable condition, the cause of which doubtless is partly in the will of the brethren, partly in the absence of system, and partly from want of zeal in the Presiding Elders, preachers, stewards and class leaders, and without systematical arrangements there seems to be no probability of any improvement. Therefore,

Resolved, First—That a financial meeting composed of the official members of the circuit or station be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference. The place of holding it for the first year to be selected by the preacher in charge; afterwards by the last quarterly conference of each conference year. The preacher in charge shall be chairman of the meeting.

Second—The last quarterly meeting conference of each year shall appoint a committee of three to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to furnish house rent, table expenses and fuel for the family or families of the preachers stationed with them, and the claims for the quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and the financial meeting shall then divide the whole amount among the several classes in the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges. The collection shall then be made in the classes without distinction. The stewards in disbursing shall make

the distinction by paying the preachers each quarter, according to their claims for quarterage, fuel, table expenses, house rent, etc.

Third—The financial meeting shall district the circuit or station among the stewards, giving to each his proportion of classes to attend to during the conference year.

Fourth—It shall be the duty of each steward as soon as the estimate shall be made to report to each class in his district the amount apportioned to it, and see that each society either circulates a subscription among the members to raise the amount, or appoint a committee of their own members to apportion the amount that each one ought to contribute for the year, and that the whole be paid in quarterly installments.

Fifth—It shall be the duty of the stewards to see that each leader in his district makes personal and individual application to each person in his class for his or her quarterly contribution.

Sixth—That in each Sabbath appointment and others where it may be deemed expedient the class may appoint one or more persons to circulate a subscription among the persons who are not members of our church, yet attend our ministry.

Seventh—That each quarterly conference, as a part of its regular business, shall enquire into the finances of the circuit or station as follows: First, the secretary shall call the name of each leader and at the same time report the amount apportioned to his class, the amount paid, and the deficiency, if any, receive the quarterly collection and state how the finances of the class stand for the quarter. Second, the Presiding Elder shall enquire at the same time if the preachers, stewards and leaders have carried this plan fully into operation in the class who are able but refuse to contribute to the support of the gospel among them,, and the reason for such refusal. Fourth, whether the local preachers and exhorters co-operate to carry out this plan.

Eighth—That at each quarterly meeting the stewards shall report to the quarterly conference the state of the finances for the quarter, stating the amount proportioned to each class, the amount received and the deficiency, if any, and each steward shall see that the same report be made in each class in his district immediately after the quarterly meeting, and if there are any deficiencies that the most efficient means be used to make up that amount at once.

Ninth—That each preacher shall be required to report to the Annual Conference together with his quaterage claim the amount estimated for his table expenses, house rent, etc., and what has been received thereon, certified to by the recording steward. In default of which he shall forfeit his claim upon the conference funds.

Tenth—That it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to present this plan for raising supplies to meet the claims of the preach-

ers to the quarterly meeting conferences as soon as practicable, to be adopted and spread upon the journals of said conferences.

Eleventh—That should any preacher neglect his work when in sufficient health to attend to it, he shall be required to account for the full amount of his claim during such neglect, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the circuit, station or district.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. Teas, Chairman.

Temperance.—Report on temperance read by Bro. Lathrop; adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on the subject of temperance present the following report:

That we, the members of the Iowa Conference of the M. E. church, are as ever convinced of the great and unmitigated evil of intemperance, and believing it to be our indispensable duty as a Conference, as well as in our ministerial and pastoral relation to exert all our influence to arrest its withering and blighting streams, effecting alike the social, civil and religious interests of society. For in the eyes of the better portion of community the manufacturer of alcohol is looked upon with suspicion, if not with fear, for that community in which the distillery may be erected. Such a community is cursed with a curse; for where the carcass is there the eagles will be gathered together; and it is equally true that where the distillery is there the much to be pitied and ill-fated drunkards will be. Thus the manufacturer and much to be detested retailer for the love of gain, without any reference to moral and social relations, engage in wholesale and retail devastation and ruin. Oh, that we might arise in our strength for the arrest of this fearful evil.

We therefore as a Conference pledge ourselves to stand by and carry out the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, first—That we as members of the Iowa Conference will act in harmony with the Iowa State Temperance Society by giving the weight of our influence and hearty co-operation.

Second—That we will sign and advise all our people to sign and respectfully present petitions to the ensuing legislature, praying the passage of a strong prohibitory law against making, buying, selling or using as a beverage intoxicating liquors.

Third—That we will preach one or more sermons in all our congregations during the coming year, on the subject of temperance, and that we, as pastors will faithfully enforce the discipline against all dram drinkers in our church.

Fourth—That having commenced the battle in favor of temperance in Iowa, we have nailed the flag to the masthead of the temperance ship; and by the blessing of a good providence, and with a good

prohibitory law, will never take it down until Iowa is saved from the fell monster, intemperance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. Lathrop, Chairman.

Burlington, Oct. 6, 1852.

Missionary Cause.—On motion of Bro. Jennison it was resolved that we pledge ourselves to bring the subject of missions before our people and to obtain as large a collection as possible from every charge, and if possible bring up our receipts next year to \$1500.

Benediction by Bishop Ames and Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened with the usual exercises by H. N. Wilbur.

R. H. Harrison's Case.—The case of R. H. Harrison was called up. The report of the committee before whom his case was brought in the interim of Conference was presented and read by Bro. Brooks before the Conference. Various papers and letters were read before the Conference, and a number of the brethren referred to the circumstances in his case. After a full hearing of all the facts that could be obtained in reference to the case, it was agreed upon motion of Bro. Clarke that his character pass and that we grant him a location.

Tract Report.—Bro. Hardy presented and read the report of the committee on tracts. Report adopted.

REPORT ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

Your committee on the tract cause are convinced that the circulation of tracts is an important work and has been instrumental in the conversion of souls. They are happy to learn that a small amount (\$14.85), has been raised in the past year; but are convinced that much more ought to be done. Therefore,

Resolved, First—That it is the duty of each preacher in the Iowa Conference to take hold of this work energetically.

Second—That in taking hold of this work they act upon the plan laid down by the Bishops.

J. HARRIS, Chairman.

Burlington Sunday School Depository.—The report of the committee on Sunday school depository at Burlington was presented and read by Bro. Shinn. Report adopted.

REPORT ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPOSITORY AT BURLINGTON.

The auditing committee of the Sunday school depository of the Iowa Annual Conference report that they have examined the accounts of the same and find that the sales of the concern have amounted to \$348.81. There has been donated \$10 to destitute schools.

Amount of stock on hands.....	\$297.00
Amount of cash on hands.....	100.00
Amount at Dubuque.....	110.00
Total.....	<u>\$507.00</u>

In accordance with the instructions of the Conference at its session of last year, one-third of the books were sent to Dubuque, amounting to \$110.00. What has been done with them we are not apprised of. From some cause or other the concern has not done what we could have wished, and in view of all the circumstances connected with it, we are of the opinion that unless the preacher in the station takes it under his immediate direction it cannot accomplish what many of us wished it should. We are of the opinion that the books on hand should be distributed to the several districts to supply destitute Sunday schools, under such regulations as the brethren may direct, thereby winding up the concern.

MOSES F. SHINN,
E. LATHROP.

Moved that the Presiding Elder of Burlington district and the preacher in charge of Burlington station and Bro. Blickham be an executive committee on the Sunday school depository at Burlington.

Dubuque Sunday School Depository.—On motion of Bro. Reed the Presiding Elder of Dubuque district, the preacher in charge at Dubuque station and Bro. Goodrich were appointed an executive committee for the Dubuque Sunday school depository.

Accounts Referred.—The account against W. H. Bolander was put into the hands of S. Clark for collection.

Night Session.—Agreed that the Conference adjourn to meet this evening at 7 o'clock, whereupon Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Ames.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference was opened with religious exercises conducted by Landon Taylor.

Resolutions of Thanks.—On motion the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Iowa Annual Conference be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Burlington for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining us during the session of our Conference.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the pastors of the several churches of this city for tendering to us the use of their pulpits during the present session of our Conference.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the several papers of this city for publication.

Accounts Referred.—Account of John Guylee referred to Presiding Elder of Des Moines district. Account of E. W. Gray to the preacher on Birmingham circuit. Account of A. Collins referred to the Presiding Elder of Iowa City district. Account of John Walker referred to the Presiding Elder of the Dubuque district. Collins' account at New York to Presiding Elder of Iowa City district. Account of V. P. Fink to the Presiding Elder of Ft. Des Moines district. Account of S. Basher to the preacher on Birmingham circuit. Account of R. Spalding to the preacher in Dubuque. Account of C. Woolsey to Presiding Elder on Des Moines district. J. D. Templin's account to G. W. Teas.

Motion to Adjourn.—On motion it was agreed that after the reading of the appointments by the Bishop we adjourn sine die.

The hymn was then sung commencing, "And let our bodies part," after which prayer was devoutly offered up by H. W. Reed. After some appropriate and kindly remarks by Bishop Ames, the appointments were read and the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

EDWARD R. AMES.

M. H. HARE, Secretary.

G. H. JENNISON, Assistant Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS**DES MOINES DISTRICT.—M. H. HARE, P. E.**

Keokuk	John Harris
Montrose	John Guylee, E. H. Winans
Farmington	F. W. Evans
Keosauqua	G. W. Teas
Pittsburg	Andrew Coleman
Bloomfield	F. H. Carey, One to be supplied
Centerville Mission	J. Darrah
Eddyville	John Jay
Chillicothe	D. Dickinson
Ottumwa	L. T. Rowley
Winchester	H. Gibson, One to be supplied
Birmingham	O. C. Shelton, One to be supplied

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—D. WORTHINGTON, P. E.

Burlington	L. Taylor, One to be supplied
Ft. Madison	J. Q. Hammond
West Point	Samuel Clark
Salem Mission	H. N. Wilbur
Fairfield	To be supplied
Locust Grove	Strange Brooks
Brighton	Wm. Simpson
Mt. Pleasant	J. McDowell, One to be supplied
New London	T. M. Kirkpatrick
Middletown	H. C. Dean
Yellow Spring	E. Lathrop
Crawfordsville	M. See, One to be supplied

James McDonald, Principal, and I. I. Stewart, Agent of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, both members of Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference.

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—J. G. DIMMITT, P. E.

Dubuque	Wm. F. Cowles and Supply
Rockdale	To be supplied
Bellevue Mission	To be supplied
Andrew Mission	M. Hixson
Maquoketa	G. Larkins

Sabula Mission.....	Asa Critchfield
Dewitt Mission	Ira Blackford
Davenport.....	A. J. Kynett
Leclaire.....	J. C. Smith
Spring Rock Mission.....	Rufus Ricker
Fairport.....	L. Case
Muscatine	Joseph Brooks

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT—M. F. SHINN, P. E.

Kanesville Mission.....	M. F. Shinn
Sidney Mission.....	Wm. P. Mann
Page and Taylor Mission.....	S. Farlow

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—H. W. REED, P. E.

Dubuque.....	Joel B. Taylor and Supply
Cascade.....	Abraham Carey
Canton	Wm. Gough
Anamosa Mission.....	A. B. Kendig
Mt. Vernon.....	To be supplied
Marion Mission.....	G. H. Jennison
Independence Mission.....	W. C. Shippen
Delhi Mission.....	To be supplied
Colesburg Mission.....	A. Wright
West Union Mission.....	J. Cameron
Elkader Mission.....	Isaac Newton
Garnavillo.....	J. L. Kelly
Lansing Mission.....	A. Bishop and Supply
Norwegian Mission.....	O. P. Peterson

IOWA CITY DISTRICT.—A. YOUNG, P. E.

Iowa City Mission.....	T. E. Corkhill
West Liberty Mission.....	L. C. Woodford
Washington	To be supplied
Sigourney Mission.....	Elias Skinner
Montezuma Mission.....	To be supplied
Marengo Mission	Joseph Jamison
Marshall Mission.....	To be supplied

Cedar Rapids Mission.....	H. J. Taylor
Otter Creek Mission.....	H. J. Burley
Big Woods Mission.....	To be supplied
Tipton.....	E. W. Twining
Grandview Mission.....	J. T. Coleman
Wassonville Mission.....	W. R. Blake

FORT DES MOINES DISTRICT—JOHN HAYDEN, P. E.

Ft. Des Moines.....	Sanford Haines
Newton Mission.....	R. Swearengen
Boone.....	To be supplied
Adel Mission.....	Geo. H. Clark
Winterset Mission.....	Robert G. Hawn
Indianola.....	Elias L. Briggs
Knoxville.....	Allen W. Johnson
Chariton Mission.....	Jno. Parker
Albia Mission.....	Wm. Armstrong
Oskaloosa.....	J. B. Hardy
Monroe.....	To be supplied
Mashaska.....	D. T. Sweem

Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Preach's	Churches	Parson-ages	Raised for Missions	Raised for S. Schools	Raised for Bible Cause	For tracts
DES MOINES DISTRICT										
Keokuk	109	50	1	1	1		\$50 00	\$	\$35 00	\$10
Montrose	219	42		4	1					
Farmington	96	3		1	1					
Winchester	302	22		3	1	1				
Birmingham	478	120		5	4	1			7 00	
Keosauqua	143	17								
Ottumwa	250	50			1					
Eddyville	335	30		8	1	1	9 00			
Pittsburg	285	100	1	3	2		20 00			
Bloomfield	431	109		6	3	1	10 25			
Centerville	255	34		5		1	3 25			
Total	2903	577	2	36	15	5	92 50		\$42 00	\$10
BURLINGTON DISTRICT										
Burlington	251	67	1	1	1	2	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fort Madison	170	86		2	1					
West Point	184	20			1	1			16 60	
Salem	150	15	9	1	1		28 80			
New London	262	44								
Middletown	203	42	1	1	1	1	45 80		27 00	
Yellow Springs	265	30		3	2	1	6 30			
Crawfordsville	339	45		4	3	1	17 10	1 00		
Mt. Pleasant	310	11		3	3	1	5 00		25 00	
Fairfield	296	26		2	1	1	2 00			
Brighton	312	20		4			12 31			
Locust Grove	275			8	2	1	2 30			
Total	3017	406	11	29	16	9	119 61	\$ 1 00	6 8 60	
DUBUQUE DISTRICT										
Dubuque City	180	3	4	1	2		\$	\$	\$	\$
Bellevue										
Andrew Mission	73	12		2	1		9 28			
Maquoketa	145	49			2		25 65		24 00	
Sabula	100	10								
De Witt	80	26			2					
Davenport	141	13		2	1	1	54 25	1 25		
Catfish	115	17		1	2		26 50		35 00	
Le Claire	114	10		2	1	1	10 00		18 00	
Spring Rock	64	17		1			3 50		25 00	
Fairport	148	26		3	1		2 20			
Muscatine										
Total	1160	183	4	12	12	2	131 38	\$ 1 25	102 00	
UPPER IOWA DISTRICT										
Cascade	207	36		7	2	1	\$36 00	\$	\$	\$
Anamosa	50	8								
Mt. Vernon	170	7		5	1	1	51 00	2 00	30 00	1 00
Marion	140	16		1	1	1	15 00		14 00	
Independence	67	16		3						
West Union										
Elkador	45	8		3						
Garnavillo	121	11		1	1		7 60		38 50	
Colesburg	131	16		3	1				25 00	
Dubuque Circuit	229	33		5	4		67 40		30 00	3 00
Yellow River	100	33		2						
Norwegian Mission										
Total	1260	184		30	10	3	177 00	\$ 2 00	137 50	4 00

Church Statistics

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Sunday School Statistics

APPOINTMENTS.	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Expenses for Schis for Year	Raised for benv. pur.	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken	Conver- sions
DES MOINES DISTRICT.										
Keokuk	1	34	270	1300	4	60	110 00	\$...		
Montrose	3	17	165	210			15 00			
Farmington	1	10	107	350						
Winchester	3	30	120	175						
Birmingham	7	74	383							
Keosauqua	2	15	200	800						
Ottumwa	2	25	150	150						
Eddyville	5	56	321	530	111	36 50				
Pittsburg	5	32	135	225	1	130		75	1	2
Bloomfield	4	48	220	308	1					34
Centerville Mission										
	33	341	2077	4048	6	301	161 50	\$ 75	1	36
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.										
Burlington	1	40	240	1000	2	50	\$50 00	\$...	50	15
Ft. Madison	4	30	200	500	3		5 10			10
Salem	4	22	120	250			13 00		20	
New London	6	64	370	639	4	80	49 20		40	
Middletown	4	45	220	300	220		4 00		24	6
Yellow Spring	7	41	225	576					20	
Crawfordsville	4	40	150	200			20 00	1.00	7	
Mt. Pleasant	3	31	145	390	8	75	36 00		20	4
Fairfield	4	50	195	800	8		13 00			
Brighton										
West Point	1	14	60	200	1		17 00			2
Locust Grove	4	20	250	100						
	42	397	2176	4985	26	425	104 75	1.00	181	37
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.										
Dubuque	2	20	190	500	2	14	\$20 00		40	
Catfish	2	30	150	400	5	20	69 45		20	8
Bellevue	3					10				
Andrew	2	12	100	200						
Maquoketa	6	24	150	800	5		5 00		11	26
Sabula										
Dewitt	5	37	136	495	1					
Dayenport	1	12	100	470	1		40 00		28	1
Leclaire	3	25	80	260	1		16 00		20	
Muscatine	1	15	90	30	1		20 00		30	
Spring Rock	3	7	60							
Fairport		27	80	155						
	28	209	1136	3120	10	44	120 45		184	35
UPPER IOWA DISTRICT.										
Mt. Vernon	3	30	160	650	3		\$16 50	\$2.00	35	
Marion	1	9	40	60						
Independence	1	8	30	200						
West Union	2	12	80	150			39 00		20	
Elkador	1	4	20							
Garnivillo	2	11	60	145			5 20		13	
Colesburg	5	45	200	200	2		18 00		60	
Dubuque Circuit	6	52	192	1230	14	19	61 00		45	2
Yellow River	3	13	40	175						
	24	184	1342	2810	19	19	133 70	\$2.00	173	2
IOWA CITY DISTRICT.										
West Liberty	2	16	70	150	1	50	\$ 3 45	\$...		5
Iowa City	1	20	100	525	2	5	125 00		20	
Washington	3	19	65	245			1 65	6.35	20	
Sigourney	5	38	130	100		13	10 00		20	
Montezuma	1	4	30	80		44				
Grandview	2	22	112	150	1					
Marengo	1	4	25	100						
Marshall	3	17	51	20			5 00			
Otter Creek	2	17	70		18					2
Tipton	3	42	155	240	15		10 00		25	25
	23	197	814	1610	37	112	159 70	\$6.35	85	32

Sunday School Statistics

	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars Int. Class	Total Expenses	Collected for S. S. Union	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken	Conver- sions
FT. DES MOINES DIST.										
Ft. Des Moines.....	2	27	80	115	1	1	\$20 00	---	33	13
Newton.....	1	10	30	---	1	1	10	---	---	---
Redrock.....	5	33	150	400	---	6	---	---	---	---
Oskaloosa.....	4	54	225	430	2	---	11 00	---	25	16
Albia.....	8	70	300	295	12	70	2 00	---	30	---
Chariton.....	2	17	51	23	2	6	2 85	---	---	---
Knoxville.....	4	26	107	50	2	---	5 00	---	1	---
Three Rivers.....	3	33	169	140	2	25	---	---	21	1
Council Bluffs.....	2	10	57	154	6	4	2 00	---	4	2
	31	280	1169	1607	28	121	42 95	---	114	32
RECAPITULATION.										
Des Moines District.....	33	341	2077	4048	6	310	161 50	75	1	36
Burlington District.....	42	397	2176	4955	26	425	253 30	1.00	181	37
Dubuque District.....	28	209	1136	3120	16	44	120 45	---	148	35
Upper Iowa District.....	24	184	1342	2810	19	19	133 70	2.00	173	2
Iowa City District.....	23	197	814	1610	37	112	159 70	6.35	80	32
Ft. Des Moines.....	31	280	1169	1607	28	121	42 95	---	114	32
Totals this year.....	181	1608	8714	18150	132	1022	871 60	10.10	738	174
Totals last year.....	170	1500	7563	16278	134	386	---	---	702	478
Increase.....	11	108	1151	1872	---	636	871 60	10.10	36	---
Decrease.....	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	304

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MINUTES OF TENTH SESSION OF IOWA CONFERENCE

First Day

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, September 28, 1853.

The tenth session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convened at Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 28th, 1853, Bishop Scott in the chair.

Religious services, led by the Bishop, opened the Conference.

The former secretary called the roll, the following members answering to their names: Samuel Clark, Andrew Coleman, Alcimus Young, Joseph McDowell, Henry W. Reed, Isaac I. Stewart, Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, Jacob G. Dimmitt, Wm. Simpson, David Worthington, Moses F. Shinn, Horatio N. Wilbur, Geo. W. Teas, John Hayden, John L. Kelly, Joseph Brooks, Orvel C. Shelton, Francis H. Cary, Joel B. Taylor, Hugh Gibson, Wm. F. Cowles, Allen W. Johnson, Sanford Haines, John Harris, Landon Taylor, Michael H. Hare, John Jay, Erastus Lathrop, Edward W. Twining, James Q. Hammond, Ira Blackford, Geo. H. Jennison, Ancil Wright, Lucas C. Woodford, Jas. C. Smith, Henry C. Dean, Richard Swearengen, Strange Brooks, Loveland T. Rowley.—39.

Transfers.—The certificates of transfer of the following brethren from other Conferences presented and their names duly entered: A. Nicholes, J. W. Reager, Isaac McClasky, D. N. Smith, L. B. Dennis, Henry Wharton, James H. White, D. N. Holmes, E. Wood, and William Butt having been transferred at an earlier period of the year.

Secretaries.—On motion Joseph Brooks was chosen secretary and G. H. Jennison assistant secretary.

Hours.—Eight o'clock a. m. was agreed upon as the hour of meeting, and twelve o'clock m. as the hour of adjourning.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of Conference was fixed at the second range of seats in rear of the lamp posts nearest the pulpit.

Stewards.—Bros. Kelly, Teas and Twining were appointed Conference Stewards.

Committees.—On motion the Stewards were constituted a committee on necessitous cases.

Worship—Bros. Hayden and Hardy were appointed a committee on public worship.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Sunday Schools—John Haines, Samuel Clark, J. C. Smith, A. Wright, J. T. Coleman, S. Haines, W. B. Mann, being one from each district.

Tracts—Bros. Gibson, Dean, Farlow, Cowles, J. B. Taylor, Butt and Johnson.

Rule of Organization—On motion the committees raised from the several districts were instructed to elect their own chairman.

Temperance—Stewart, Kirkpatrick and Shelton.

Education—G. W. Teas, D. N. Smith, Jos. Brooks, M. F. Shinn, Jennison, Woodford and Haines.

Memoirs—Bros. Young, Worthington, McDowell, Lathrop, and Twining.

Publication—G. H. Jennison, assistant secretary, L. Taylor and J. B. Hardy.

Colonization—L. T. Rowley, J. McDowell, W. F. Cowles, M. F. Shinn, G. B. Bowman, Wm. Butt and J. B. Hardy.

Preachers' Aid Society—Moved that a committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for the organization of a Preachers' Aid Society. Motion carried and F. A. Cary, L. B. Dennis and I. I. Stewart appointed.

Book Accounts—J. Q. Hammond and J. B. Taylor.

Postoffices—Ira Blackford.

Periodicals—Jos. Brooks, I. I. Stewart and W. F. Cowles.

Slavery.—Motion that we have a committee on slavery; lost.

Metropolitan Church.—A communication from Bro. Slicer, agent of the Metropolitan church at Washington City, was received, with a circular from the Bishops touching the matters of said church. A committee of three consisting of A. Coleman, S. Clark and G. H. Jennison was raised, to whom said communication was referred.

Stevens' Church Polity.—On motion Stevens' Church Polity was made obligatory on the undergraduates. Moved that Peck's Rule of Faith be not obligatory. Carried. Moved and carried that Hibbard on Baptism be recommended to a careful reading.

Examination of Candidates.—Moved that a committee be appointed to examine the candidates for deacon's and elder's orders at this session of our Conference on the course of study. Motion lost. On motion resolved that such a committee be appointed for the ensuing session.

Second Question.—Second question taken up. Bros. E. H. Winans, John Darrah, David Dickinson: characters passed and continued. M. Hixson continued on trial, not having been before the committee. Ordered that he be examined the next session in the study of both years. Wm. Gough examined, passed and continued on trial, and the Bishop respectfully requested to give him such an appointment as will allow him an opportunity to acquaint himself with Methodism. On motion he was required to pass an examination at our next session on the first and second year's study. O. P. Peterson, now a missionary in Norway, passed and continued on trial.

Stewards' Record.—On motion the Stewards were instructed to record in a book prepared for them their proceedings from time to time.

Second Question.—A. B. Kendig and John Parker passed and continued on trial.

Superannuates.—Eighth question taken up: Who are the superannuates? J. W. Maxon's name called; he not being present was passed informally.

S. S. Union Circular.—Circular from the Sunday School Union received and referred to committee on the Sunday school cause.

Tract Society Circular.—Circular on tracts referred to tract committee.

Moved and carried that the committees on the tract and Sunday school cause be instructed to inquire and report at their earliest convenience as to the propriety of agents for those interests

Effective Elders.—Question eleven taken up. Bros. M. H. Hare, Harris, Teas, Andrew Coleman, F. A. Cary, Jay, Shelton, Gibson, Worthington, L. Taylor, S. Clark, H. N. Wilbur, Simpson, S. Brooks, McDowell, Kirkpatrick, Dean, Lathrop, See, Stewart and Dewitt, effective elders, severally examined and passed. Time nearly expired, notices were given and Conference adjourned with religious services.

Second Day

OSKALOOSA, Iowa, September 29th, 1853.

Conference convened at 8:00 o'clock a. m., Bishop Scott in the chair. Religious services led by L. B. Dennis.

Roll.—Roll called; present: A. Young, McDowell, Stewart, Reed, Kirkpatrick, Simpson, Worthington, Shinn, Wilbur, J. Brooks, Shelton, A. F. Cary, Gibson, Cowles, Johnson, Harris, Hare, Jay, McClasky, Dennis, Swearengen, Hammond, Jennison, Wright, Woodford, Twining and Butt.

Minutes read and approved.

Parchments Filed.—The parchments of F. F. Lyons, an expelled local deacon, were presented by Bro. Worthington and filed.

Draft.—Being allowed to draw on the chartered fund for \$76, the draft was ordered.

Effective Elders.—Eleventh question resumed. Geo. Larkins, W. F. Cowles, Ira Blackford and J. C. Smith examined and passed. L. Case examined and passed.

Transfer.—Moved by Bro. Dimmitt and seconded by Bro. Cowles that the Bishop be respectfully requested to transfer L. Case to the Oregon Conference, he being removed to that country.

After some remarks the motion was withdrawn. Moved and carried that he be granted a location at the request of his Presiding Elder.

Joseph Brooks character examined and passed.

North-Western University.—A resolution from the Rock River Conference requesting the appointment of a scholarship agent in this Conference for the North-Western University was presented and read, after which an address on the interests of the university was delivered by Dr. Hinman, president of the university.

The following resolution was passed without dissenting vote: Resolved, that we cordially approve of the action of the Rock River Conference in relation to the North-Western University and request the presiding bishop to appoint the scholarship agent as requested, provided a suitable man can be detailed without essential injury to the general work.

Eleventh Question Resumed.—M. F. Shinn, S. Farlow, H. W. Reed, J. B. Taylor and A. F. Cary severally examined and passed. Geo. H. Jennison's character passed, and at his own request was granted a location. A. Wright, J. L. Kelly and G. B. Bowman each examined and passed.

Graduates Examined.—E. L. Briggs, Thos. Corkhill, H. J. Burley, D. T. Sweem, R. Ricker, Isaac Newton, A. Bishop, A. J. Kynett, W. P. Mann, F. W. Evans, E. Skinner, John Guylee, W. R. Blake and H. Taylor were duly and solemnly examined before the Conference, preparatory to election to ordination as deacons in the church of God. The question as to their willingness to be devoted to the foreign mission work being propounded to each separately, the following answered affirmatively: H. Taylor, Thos. E. Corkhill, Rufus Ricker, I. Newton, A. J. Kynett, W. P. Mann, F. W. Evans, E. Skinner and W. R. Blake.

Committee on Sunday School Depositaries.—Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to settle with the Sunday school depositaries at Dubuque and Burlington. G. W. Teas, O. C. Shelton and J. B. Taylor constituted said committee.

Sunday School Report.—The committee on Sunday school cause reported in part.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of the committee on Sunday Schools to the Iowa Conference of the M. E. Church.

Your committee look upon the work committed to their consideration as one of the greatest importance, arising from the following considerations: First, the infant mind of this state is a virgin soil awaiting for the seed of truth. And who can look upon these young immortals with indifference, when we consider that the kingdom of the Redeemer, with all its thrilling interests, will soon be committed to their hands; and we must give our work to the children coming after us! If we look around us we see the agents of the Catholic church sowing broadcast in our young state the seeds of the church of Rome. We see also the agents of the Calvinistic branches of the church crossing our path at every turn. Four of these gentlemen are already in the field. In the following resolution we have recommended one man for this work. But when we consider that he should visit eight hundred places during the year, we see the giant labors that await him. It is our conviction that two men would be well employed. An enquiry might be made, how are they to be supported? We enquire, in

return, how are other agents supported? We answer, to a great extent by Methodist funds. Your committee recommends the following resolutions for your adoption:

On motion the report was taken up resolution by resolution and resolutions one, two and three adopted.

First—Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of one general agent, to take charge of the Sunday school cause within our bounds.

Second—That the books and monies belonging to our Sunday school depositories at Burlington and Dubuque cities be committed to his charge, whose duty it shall be to make arrangements for the supply of our Sunday schools with books.

Third—That it shall be the duty of the agent to deliver lectures, lift collections and raise subscriptions for the benefit of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. church.

Fourth—Resolved that the Board of Managers of the Conference Sunday School Society be a committee to take charge of the temporalities of the agent.

JOHN HARRIS, Chairman.

The following substitute was offered: The quarterly conference where the agent may hold his membership shall appoint a committee to estimate the table expense of the agent. Substitute accepted.

Moved that this part of the report be recommitted. Lost. Substitute adopted.

Resolution fifth, that we commend one of the following brethren to the Conference as a suitable person: D. N. Smith, John Guylee and J. C. Smith, was laid on the table.

Report as amended was then adopted.

Tract Report.—Report of the tract committee was presented.

REPORT ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

Your committee beg leave to report that however much may have been otherwise effected, and however successful we may yet be in the conversion of men and in the instruction of the people by the preaching of the gospel of the Lord our Saviour, we regard the press as a mighty engine, which is effecting more for the well-being of our race, in this great country, than any other instrumentality now employed to operate on the human mind, except the regular preaching of the Word of God. By it infidelity is reviving in every varied form, her ancient dogmas. Also her materialism is taught through yellow-covered trash, where her votaries will not be allowed to enter. By it universalism is scattered broadcast among the people, where their preachers would not find

audience or receive support. The minds of the people are poisoned and dissipated by the sickening literature which is poured out in a perpetual stream. From the popular presses and from every denomination of errorists,—Swedenborgian, "spiritual rappers," Unitarians and Arians, are seeking access through the same avenue to the minds of the people. By it other churches are canvassing the country and, we trust, effecting good to the cause of God among them. And up to the present time Methodism has done much less than her duty to effect the great object of her mission, the evangelization and instruction of the world.

Resolved, First—That we hail with delight the revival of the tract cause in our church. And hope in my Saviour that the return to Mr. Wesley's method of disseminating truth by circulating tracts may be the blessed harbinger of such revival of the work of the Lord in the land as that which followed his early labors.

Second—That as a Conference we will be behind none of our sister Conferences in the distribution of tracts, the circulation of our periodicals and the sale of our books and in the contribution of our means to this great work until every European and American within the bounds of our Conference has the Word of eternal life carried to his house. (Amended by the insertion of the words "after measures agreeable to our means.")

Resolved—That the presiding Bishop be requested to appoint a book and tract agent to perform the duties contemplated and defined in the address of the president of the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Resolved, That we organize an auxiliary society during the present Conference.

On behalf of the committee. H. CLAY DEAN, Chairman.

The report as a whole thus amended was adopted.

R. Spalding's Case.—The case of a superannuated preacher, Rev. R. Spalding of Dubuque, who was accused of immorality, etc., during the year, and the case examined before a committee who acquitted him, was presented by Bro. Dimmitt, Presiding Elder of the district. Time nearly expired was on motion extended five minutes. On motion the case was referred to a committee of five. D. N. Smith, A. Coleman, Geo. W. Teas, O. C. Shelton and Wm. Simpson constituted said committee. On motion Bros. McClasky and Stewart were added to the committee. S. Clark was appointed by the chair to preside over the deliberations of the committee.

Notices were announced and Conference adjourned with religious services led by Geo. W. Teas.

Third Day

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, September 30th, 1853.

Conference convened at 8:00 o'clock a. m., Bishop Scott in the chair. Religious services led by S. Clark.

Roll called and the following brethren were present: S. Clark, A. Coleman, A. Young, J. McDowell, Reed, Stewart, Kirkpatrick, Dimmitt, Simpson, Shinn, Wilbur, Teas, Taylor, Kelly, Hardy, J. Brooks, F. H. Cary, J. B. Taylor, Gibson, Cowles, Johnson, Haines, Harris, See, Jay, Dennis, Dean, Twining, Swearengen, Hammond, Blackford, Coleman, Wright, Butt, J. C. Smith.

Roll to be Omitted.—Minutes read and approved, and on motion further calling of the roll was to be dispensed with during the session.

Book Concern.—Bro. Swormstedt of the Western Book Concern, addressed the Conference on the business of said concern.

Committee on P. O.—On motion Bros. Cameron and Wright were added to the committee on postoffices.

New York Book Accounts.—On motion the book and periodical accounts from New York were referred to the committee on book room accounts.

Stewards' Call.—The Stewards made their call.

Introduced.—Bros. Nichols and White, transfers from other Conferences to this, were introduced to the Conference. Because of failure of health, Bro. Nichols asked and obtained a location.

Third Question.—E. L. Briggs passed and admitted into full connection; had been ordained a deacon. T. E. Corkhill and H. J. Burley, passed and admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders. Harvey Taylor, not having been before the committee of the second year, the case was laid over to give him an opportunity to pass an examination. David Sweem, character passed and at his own request, was discontinued. Rufus Ricker and Isaac Newton each passed, admitted and elected to deacon's orders. Wm. Armstrong, not having been before the committee, was continued on trial, and required to pass an examination on both years at our next session. Alfred Bishop and A. J. Kynett each passed, admitted and elected to deacon's

orders. Jas. McDonald, having died during the year, Bro. Worthington made a statement of his triumphant departure, in the presence of the Conference. N. P. Mann passed, admitted and elected to deacon's orders. R. H. Haun passed and at his own request discontinued. E. Skinner and W. R. Blake severally passed, admitted and elected to deacon's orders. John Guylee passed, admitted, had been ordained deacon. Francis W. Evans passed, admitted and elected to deacon's orders.

Deacons Examined.—Fourth question was taken up and Jos. Cameron and L. T. Rowley each passed.

Second Question Resumed.—Wm. Shippen passed and continued on trial; not having appeared before the committee, was required to pass an examination on both years' study at our next session. A. Critchfield passed and continued on trial.

Effective Elders.—Examination of effective elders resumed. J. Q. Hammond, A. Young, L. C. Woodford and E. W. Twining severally passed. J. T. Coleman, W. Butt, John Hayden, S. Haines, R. Swearengen, A. W. Johnson J. B. Hardy severally examined and passed.

Death of Rev. J. Jamison.—Bro. J. Jamison having deceased Bro. Young made an affecting statement of the circumstances of his death.

Admitted on Trial.—Isaac P. Teeters, Jos. B. Hiles, C. P. Reynolds and Geo. Clifford were duly recommended and admitted on trial. John Orr was recommended and readmitted into the traveling connection.

Time expired, notices announced, Conference adjourned with religious services led by Bro. A. Coleman.

Fourth Day

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, October 1st, 1853.

Conference convened, Bishop Scott in the chair. Religious services led Bro. Young. Minutes read and corrected.

Assistant Secretary.—On motion G. H. Jennison was excused from acting as assistant secretary. Thos. E. Corkhill elected to fill the vacancy.

First Question.—Joel Mason, Chas. Woolsey, Jas. G. Thomp-

son, Lewis S. Ashbaugh, Geo. Hillman, Samuel Hestwood, Jesse Sherwood, Benjamin Holland, Thomas Dixon and Franklin Amos being duly recommended were admitted on trial. John W. Stuart recommended but not admitted. On motion liberty was granted for his employment by a presiding elder. David H. Petefish, William N. Brown, Levi W. Pettit, Albert C. McDonald, Elijah Kendall and Acquilla B. McElfresh admitted. John Mason's recommendation being presented and discussed, moved and carried that the Presiding Elder have leave to withdraw the recommendation. The recommendation not being withdrawn was rejected. Moved and carried that the Presiding Elder have leave to employ him. Richard Mulholland admitted. Aaron F. Cade and Mifflin S. Frame were rejected. Asa D. West's recommendation for readmission was rejected. Moved and carried that a presiding elder have leave to employ Bro. Friend.

Committee on Colonization.—Moved and carried that two be added to the committee on colonization. Bros. Dean and McClasky were so added.

Mt. Pleasant Institute.—Moved and carried that the case of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute be referred to the committee on education. On motion documents from the trustees of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute were referred to the committee on education.

Third Question.—Harvey Taylor and Geo. H. Clark each passed, were admitted, and elected to deacon's orders.

Local Orders.—Recommendations of local preachers for deacon's and elder's orders called for. Aquilla B. McElfresh, John Mason, Albert C. McDonald, Thomas Harper recommended and elected to deacon's orders. James Hanly recommended and elected to elders's orders. Jacob Mahan recommended but not elected.

West Case Reconsidered.—Moved and carried that the case of Asa B. West be reconsidered. Moved and carried that he have leave to withdraw his recommendation.

Sunday School Committee.—Rev. Haines was released from the duties of the Sunday school committee, and A. J. Kynett appointed to fill the vacancy.

Ministerial Recommendation.—An informal recommendation

of a Swede Baptist minister was presented. On motion the case was laid on the table to give further time.

Moved and carried that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 1:30 this afternoon.

Superannuates.—Joseph Maxon passed and his relation continued. D. N. Smith passed and made effective.

Report on Sunday School Depository.—The committee on Sunday School depository reported.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPOSITORIES.

The committee appointed to settle with the preachers of Burlington and Dubuque depositories respectfully report:

That the operation of the depository at Dubuque has been very limited. There is a small parcel of books in the hands of David Decker, some damaged by removing them in consequence of fire. The exact amount your committee have not been able to ascertain; say from \$20 to \$40. Cash on hands, \$22.08.

The depository at Burlington has been in active operation during the last part of the year; and, in the opinion of your committee has been faithfully and efficiently managed; and is shown by the agent in his exhibit to be in sound and healthy condition. Your committee learn from Bro. Taylor that there is now in Burlington in books \$415.90 worth; cash paid over \$10.44. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the books at the depositories and the cash in hand be placed at the disposal of the Conference agent.

G. W. TEAS, Chairman.

Exhibit of Sales at Dubuque Depository.

The following is the total amount for books sold: \$26.72; of which Rev. G. B. Bowman has paid at Conference, \$3.92; Rev. Joel B. Taylor will pay \$16.75; total \$20.67. Balance of \$6.05 paid to Rev. W. F. Cowles.

D. DECKER.

J. Welch's Parchments.—The restoration of the credentials of Joseph Welch, a local preacher, being recommended, their restoration was on motion ordered.

Mission Report.—The mission committee reported. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee report as follow:—

They met at the Bishop's room on Friday evening, September

30th, and organized by electing Bishop Scott, president and H. W. Reed secretary. After full consideration they report the following places as missions, with the sums opposite for their support:

KEOKUK DISTRICT—

Centerville	\$ 75.00	
Drakeville	75.00	\$ 150.00

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—

South Burlington	\$ 75.00	
Salem	50.00	\$ 125.00

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—

Elkader	\$ 80.00	
Lansing	100.00	
West Union	50.00	
Independence	50.00	
Delhi	80.00	\$ 360.00

DUBUQUE DISTRICT—

Spring Rock	75.00	
Bellevue	50.00	
Dewitt	50.00	
Sabula	50.00	
Canton	50.00	
Anamosa	125.00	\$ 400.00

MT. VERNON DISTRICT—

Marion	\$ 60.00	
Cedar Rapids	75.00	
Otter Creek	50.00	
Upper Cedar	80.00	
Vinton	50.00	
Marshall	75.00	
Tama	50.00	\$ 440.00

IOWA CITY DISTRICT—

West Liberty	\$ 50.00	
Richmond	50.00	
Sigourney	50.00	
Montezuma	50.00	\$200.00

FT. DES MOINES DISTRICT—

Ft. Des Moines	\$ 50.00	
Adel	75.00	
Winterset	70 00	
Newton	25.00	
Monroe	40.00	
Chariton and Decatur	90.00	\$ 350.00

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT—

Council Bluffs	\$ 200.00
Harris' Grove	125.00
Glenwood	50.00
Sidney	50.00
Cass	50.00
	<u>\$ 475.00</u>

Total.....\$2590.00

I approve of the above appropriations. L. SCOTT.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

The Mission Committee met at the Bishop's room, and on motion they appropriated for the benefit of a mission to the Swedes, \$250 for support and \$50 for the traveling expenses of missionary. On motion \$350 was appropriated for mission to Norwegians in Upper Iowa District. H. W. REED, Secretary.

Minutes read and corrected. Notices announced and Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:30, Bro. Reed in the chair. Opening service led by Rev. Kirkpatrick.

Statistics.—The Secretary called for and received the statistics.

Conference adjourned.

Fifth Day

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, October 3d, 1853.

Conference convened at 8:00 a. m., Bishop Scott in the chair. Opening services led by D. N. Smith. Minutes read and approved.

Examining Committees.—The Bishop announced the examining committees for the next session as follows:

First Year: Bible Doctrine, T. M. Kirkpatrick. Watson's Institutes, first part, J. B. Hardy. Wesley's Christian Perfection, J. T. Coleman. English Grammar and Geography, W. Simpson. Essay or Sermon.

Second Year: Bible Sacraments, J. Harris. Watson's Institutes, second part, L. B. Dennis. Peck's Christian Perfection,

Samuel Farlow. Fletcher's Appeal, S. Haines. Discipline and Church Polity, F. H. Cary. Essay or Sermon.

Third Year: Bible History and Chronology, E. W. Twin-
ing. Watson's Institutes, third part, J. McClasky. Butler's
Analogy, O. C. Shelton. Ruter's Church History, G. Larkins.
Rhetoric and Logic, G. W. Teas. Essay or Sermon.

Fourth Year: Review of the whole course, W. F. Cowles.
Watson's Institutes, fourth part, W. Butt. Horn's Introduction,
L. Taylor. Esasy or Sermon.

To Preach Missionary Sermon: H. W. Reed; Alternate,
S. Clark.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders: Joseph McDowell,
J. B. Taylor, E. Wood. For Elder's Orders: J. H. White, A.
F. Cary, A. Wright.

Ordinations.—Names of persons ordained by the Bishop on
the Sabbath as follows, regularly certified by Bishop Scott, pre-
sented: Deacons: Thos. E. Corkhill, Hiram J. Burley, Harvey
Taylor, Rufus Ricker, Isaac Newton, Alpha J. Kynett, Wm. P.
Mann, Geo. H. Clark, Francis W. Evans, Elias Skinner, Wesley
R. Blake, Aquilla B. McElfresh, John Mason, Albert C. McDon-
ald, Jesse Newell, Jos. Paul, James S. Warren, Thos. Harper.
Elders: James Holley, David Dickerson.

Report North-Western Book Concern.—The annual report of
the book committee at New York, accompanied by the annual
exhibit of the agent, presented and read.

Church Property Titles.—On motion the Presiding Elders and
preachers in charge severally were requested to make special
enquiry into the titles of our church property.

Introduction.—Bro. Coleman of the North Ohio Conference,
introduced.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards reported. On motion
adopted.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers,
and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the de-
ficiences of those who have not obtained their regular allowance
on the circuits? Answer, \$2,810.43.

What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how
has it been applied?

Chartered fund	\$ 76 00
Fifth collection	26 20
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	\$ 102 20

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:—

Mrs. Jamison, necessitous case	\$10 28
Mrs. Arrington and three children	49 14
Mrs. Vail and child	36 54
Bro. Ockerman's child	5 04
Contingent expenses, stationery, etc.	1 20
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	\$ 102 20

Seat of Conference.—Moved and carried that we proceed to fix the place of holding our next annual session. Dubuque, New London and Keokuk were severally nominated and represented. Dubuque was selected as the place, and September 27th, 1854, announced as the time.

Bible Report.—The Bible committee reported. Report accepted and adopted.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee on the Bible cause would report:

That we hail with delight and profound gratitude to God the unparalleled success of the American Bible Society in the dissemination of the revealed Word of God, without note or comment, among the nations of the earth. We are more than ever convinced that the happiness and prosperity of our cherished country and of the world, depends on the morals and intelligence of the people; and that no instrumentality is adequate to promote good morals and sound intelligence without the circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the masses of the people. Let the people be made thoroughly acquainted with the revealed will of God, and you secure all the happy results flowing from sound intelligence, good government and genuine devotion to God and man. To impress our people with a theoretical, a practical and an experimental knowledge of the Bible of Protestants is to guard them from the darkness and corruption of skepticism, and secure them against the pernicious influence of Papal superstition. This work cannot be commenced too early, nor prosecuted too vigorously. Let the first pencilings upon the youthful mind be by the hand inspired of God,—let the flowers of youth be moistened with the dewdrops of heaven, and much fruit will be gathered unto life everlasting. Invest the youthful voyager with the "Chart of Life", and thus secure him from peril and death.

Let us mark closely the united and untiring efforts of the enemies of the Protestant Bible, and be admonished of the vital im-

portance of diligence and perseverance in the work of circulating the scriptures.

We rejoice to learn that the American Bible Society have recently made extensive provision for the publication and enlarged circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

First—That we have undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society and will heartily co-operate with their agents in the collections of funds and in executing the benevolent designs of the society.

Second—That we will use our influence on all proper occasions to have the Bible made the text book in all our schools; that we will urge upon our people the importance of co-operating with us, until this important measure is secured.

Third—That the members of this Conference will make our collections for the American Bible Society in our own congregations exclusively when it is practicable, and report the amount collected to this Conference. Should it become necessary to unite with others at any time in taking up such collections we will endeavor to ascertain, as far as possible, what amount has been contributed by the members of our own congregations, and report the same to this Conference. Respectfully submitted.

D. N. Smith, Chairman.

R. Spalding's Case.—The committee on the case of the superannuated preacher from Dubuque, Rev. R. Spalding, reported. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. The testimony being called for was ordered. Moved and seconded that we sit with closed doors. Carried.

On motion Bro. Petefish was requested to act as doorkeeper. On motion it was agreed that the local preachers and probationers in the Conference are not excluded. The charges and specifications were read. (See documents on file.) First specification taken up and testimony thereon read. (See documents on file.) Second specification read and testimony thereon read. (See the file.) Third specification, testimony read. (See files.) Fourth specification and testimony read. (See documents on file.)

Rev. J. G. Dimmitt was called to give oral testimony before the Conference, on the first specification. Witness knows nothing of Spalding having visited Mrs. Hunter. Reports made a painful impression on the witness's mind. Mrs. Hunter was a member of the church.

Question by Bro. Cowles: Do you recollect having said to me that you were perfectly horrified when I invited Spalding to assist in the administration of the sacrament?

Answer: I was informed by Bro. Cowles on Saturday, the day prior to this sacramental occasion, that reports of a scandalous character were in circulation generally in the city of Dubuque against Bro. Spalding. Sabbath evening after the occasion took tea with Bro. Cowles. Told him in conversation (laboring under the conviction at the time from what Bro. Cowles had told me that Bro. Spalding knew of the prevalence of those reports and) that I was (therefore) horrified, or perfectly horrified at his coming forward and your inviting him under those circumstances.

Question by Bro. Cowles: Do you recollect when I told you this on Saturday that you said you knew this three months before.

Answer: May be possible; can't recollect.

Question: Had you heard of those reports at the quarterly meeting previous to the one at which I told you of them?

Answer: The reports respecting his visiting Mrs. Hunter's, I did. But none others as I recollect of.

Question: Do you recollect stating to me on Monday after the sacrament that the thing which horrified you most was some new development made between the conversation on Saturday and the time of the sacrament?

Answer: Cannot call it up; don't recollect.

Documents were offered by the defense in the case of Bro. Spalding as testimony and ruled out by the chair.

Moved and carried that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock, Bishop Scott in the chair. Minutes read and approved.

Stewards' Disbursement.—On motion the Stewards had leave to distribute the funds appropriated to claimants as follows: To Sister Jamison, \$10.30; received by Thos. E. Corkhill. To Sister Vail and child, \$36.50; received by Bro. Worthington. To Sister Ockerman, \$5.05; received by Presiding Elder Mt. Vernon district. To Sister Arrington, \$49.10; received by Bro. Shelton.

R. Spalding's Case.—On motion it was agreed to take up the case of Bro. Spalding. The case being taken up, some remarks were made by Bishop Scott, after which it was opened by remarks by Bro. Cowles. Bro. Dean followed for the defense. Bro. Cowles followed, concluding the arguments upon the case, and accused retired. The Conference then proceeded to take up the matter specification by specification. Moved and seconded that the counsel on each side be excused from voting. Lost.

First specification read, with the testimony. (See file.) The question by a count vote stood: to sustain, 1; against sustaining specification on the testimony, 55. Not sustained.

Second specification read; testimony read. (See files). The specification was divided to make it more specific. On the case of Miss Julia Fulwiler the vote stood: to sustain, 4; against, 51. On the case of Nancy Logston the vote stood: to sustain, 3; opposed, 55. On the case of Nancy Scripture the vote stood: to sustain, 11; opposed, 37.

Fourth specification, together with the testimony was read, (see file), and acted upon in this connection, being of similar character with the second specification. The vote stood: to sustain, 17; opposed, 39. Specification not sustained.

Third specification, with the testimony, read. (See files). The vote stood: to sustain, 16; opposed, 37. Not sustained.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:00 o'clock. Benediction by the Bishop.

Sixth Day.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, October 4th, 1853.

Conference convened at 8:00 a. m., Bro. Reed in the chair. Opening services by Bro. Dimmitt. Minutes read and corrected.

Report on Colonization.—The committee on colonization reported. Report and resolution adopted.

REPORT ON COLONIZATION.

Your committee beg leave to report:

That, as a body of Christians, the M. E. church is behind none of her sister branches of the body of Christ in her sympathy for the suffering race of man everywhere. And we cannot but feel the deepest solicitude for the mental, social and moral improvement of the African race and their descendants among us. We have long and

anxiously looked for a beam of day to dawn upon these, the oppressed brethren of our race. But the cloud is now darker and the sky more gloomy. Slave territory has been added to this great country. The free states have become jealous of the presence of the poor black man among them and his liberties are even there so much abridged as to dry up the hope of liberty in his soul. And our convictions are confirmed that the black and white races can scarcely be hoped to live peaceably and prosperously together. As Christian philanthropists we look, with thankfulness and hope, to the American Colonization Society and its auxiliaries as the only permanent, plausible enterprise now laboring in the cause for the eventual civilization and political redemption of Africa from the chains of tyrants and the curse of petty despotism. And in connection with the missionary of the cross, opens a sunbreak in the storm of their moral death. Therefore,

Resolved, That our sympathies are with the American Colonization Society and its benevolent enterprises.

Second—That as a body of Christians we always have been the friends of all men; opposed to oppression, soberly and determinedly, the enemies of the slave trade and slavery everywhere; and can present no better evidence than the fact that our blessed state has never been stained by the curse and that we faithfully abide by its laws.

Third—That this Conference cordially receives the duly authorized agents of the colonization society when they come among us.

Respectfully submitted.

Jos. McDowell, Chairman.

Report on Education.—The committee on education reported. On motion the name of Thos. E. Corkhill was stricken from the report as recommended for the agency. Report adopted. (Not among Conference papers.)

Report of Trustees Mt. Pleasant Institute.—The report of the Trustees of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute accepted, read and filed.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MT. PLEASANT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

To the Iowa Conference:

Reverend and Dear Brethren—In reporting to you the condition of the Collegiate Institute at the close of this year, we are happy to know that you still have an abiding and lively interest in its welfare, and are willing to aid us by your influence and counsels in our endeavors to make it worthy of the confidence and patronage of a generous public.

Among the numerous tokens of your favor, we regard with peculiar pleasure the efficient labors of your agent, Rev. I. I. Stewart,

whose appointment, no doubt, has contributed very much to the prosperity of the institution. Through his instrumentality the claims of the institute in regard to health, social and moral advantage, educational privilege and pecuniary want have been presented to the people; and in the increased number of students, in a liberal subscription of some \$2,000, and in more of public favor and confidence we realize in consequence.

We have also been much encouraged by the unmistakable expressions of sympathy and well wishes by many individuals of the Conference, who in their social and more private capacity have spoken a good word for us in season, sending us students and inspiring public confidence. Could they but know with what anxiety we cherish the hopes of a bright career for the institute, they would understand the lively interest we feel in this effective and friendly co-operation. In view of what has been done during the past year, we feel to "thank God and take courage". Two full sessions of twenty-two weeks each have been taught, with a gradual increase of popularity, insomuch that the faint-hearted and despairing are rallying to new hopes and are already looking forward with a good degree of confidence to our ultimate success. There have been in attendance during the year about one hundred, which is a decided advance upon the aggregate attendance of any past year. This attendance, under all the discouraging circumstances which clustered darkly around us for a part of the year, taken in connection with the certain prospect of a large increase in the number of pupils for the coming year, not only indicates to us the demand for an institution of the kind adumbrates the certain success that is to attend our endeavors in the future. While we are frank to admit that much time has been lost, partly by sore disappointments and partly by illdigested incipient measures, and that in consequence the institution has not attained that enviable notoriety and widespread fame which we may desire and to which it is now entitled. We cling most confidently to the conviction that we have the elements of the most gratifying success in the circumstances which surround us, and that we shall yet be as we ought to be,—first in the noble cause of education west of the Father of Waters.

Have we the sanction and patronage of the largest and perhaps, in every respect, the most powerful religious denomination in the west? Are we among the very first in the field, with comparatively little competition, and are there hundreds of the youth of our country who, having opened their eyes on the enchanted heights of science and caught the inspiration of their ravishing beauty, will gladly throng our college halls? Then have we the elements of success,—then whatever may be the fate of all the air-built castles in the land, we shall succeed.

It is proposed to erect as soon as possible,—as soon as the re-

quired amount of money can be subscribed, a grand college edifice, a center shaft, at a cost of not less than \$10,000; and upon this proposition within a few weeks, the amount of \$4,000 has been subscribed at and in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant. This work has just been commenced, but the liberality manifested in its favor is full of hopeful promise and may, perhaps, be taken as a measure of the public confidence which is still reposed in the institution, notwithstanding all its misfortunes.

We would commend to you and through you to the public, our present board of instruction. Prof. J. Harlan, the president of the institution, is well known as a man of rare wealth of intellect and popularity. No man in the state, perhaps, can render such efficient aid to an infant college, struggling for a higher life and a chosen place in the affections of a patronizing public. Prof. E. W. Gray has labored, during the past session amid many discouragements of a peculiarly pressing character, with marked ability and success; and we have the satisfaction to know that the school has steadily advanced in interest, and now commands the respect and confidence of all who have been in attendance. It has not been long since the teacher of French and German left Europe; and we doubt not that he is singularly qualified to teach both French and German, but especially the latter, it being his own vernacular.

The following table will exhibit the financial condition of the institute:

Premises, valued at	\$ 4,000
Subscribed for new edifice	4,000
Subscribed for contingent fund	2,000
Received and due for tuition	432
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	\$10,432

Expenses during the year—

Salary of Agent	\$500.00
Salaries of Teachers	505.00
For improvements	223.75
Incidentals	20.00
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	\$1,248.75

Balance—\$9,183.25

Of the subscription for contingent expenses some \$240 are thought to be not available or of doubtful collection.

The subscriptions for the new edifice are not due until the sum of \$10,000 is subscribed. Upon the whole you will perceive that we have an open sea and a fair sail. If there are clouds in the distance they are not ominous of special or peculiar danger, but gently admonish us of the post of duty. The bright future lies out before

us, and hope, pointing to a glorious destiny, bids us onward over the main. The stern behests of conscious duty, commanding us away from every other consideration, may not—must not, be disregarded. To relax our endeavors, or to falter in our purposes to make the collegiate institute the pride and blessing of the West, would be unworthy of the trust committed to us, unworthy the station to which God has assigned us in this fair land, and fatal to the hopes of distinguished usefulness which we so fondly cherish.

But, dear brethern, much is yet to be done. We have but fairly entered upon the high career of usefulness which it is our duty to prosecute with life-long zeal. Though unencumbered with debt, we must have more money. Until our college edifice is erected we shall be straightened for room and much embarrassed in our progress. It is ardently desired, in view of the important interests at stake that from \$6,000 to \$10,000 be added to the subscription already taken. Nothing less than this will enable us to meet public expectation. Nothing less will enable us to supply the demand for instruction at our hands, or qualify us, as a corporation and a church to discharge the responsibilities upon us. We have reached the crisis in the history of the institution and the history of Methodism in the west. If we build a college edifice, as proposed, in a few years another Asbury will run up its magnificent proportions in our midst, and the Iowa Conference will become the center to which the wealth and talent of these thronging prairies will converge, and from which will radiate the blessings of refined and sanctified learning to the ends of the earth. The Methodist church, rallying to this momentous interest, will then have it in her power to meet the obligations she is under to the youth of the present and the future generations, and contribute still more largely to the perpetuity of our common freedom, the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the glory of God. Shall we do this? Labor cum fide omnia vincet. Faithful labor is the badge of victory, and by the blessing of God, we will do this. We must do this—we must put up this college edifice or be contented with a mere academic existence and leave to other denominations, less able than we, the performance of those duties which God and our country are now requiring at our hands, and which you acknowledge and cherish with feelings of solicitude. To meet the responsibilities of this important crisis, we deem it advisable to have two agents in the field, and would respectfully request the appointment of Rev. Messrs I. I. Stewart and T. E. Corkhill to aid us for the coming year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Johnson Housman
Wellington Bird
Henry M. Snyder
E. Kilpatrick
J. H. Davis

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Sept. 24, 1853.

Board of Trustees.

Report of Visiting Committee.—The report of the visiting committee of the Institute also presented, read and adopted.

REPORT OF VISITORS TO MT. PLEASANT COLLEGIATE
INSTITUTE.

The Visiting Committee of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute beg leave to report:

That a part of the committee were prevented from attending in consequence of sickness. The others were in attendance at the annual examination and witnessed the proceedings with great pleasure. Classes in the primary and preparatory departments were examined in the following branches: spelling, reading, composition, geography, English grammar, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physiology, chemistry, botany, natural philosophy, history and latin. The classes in nearly all the above mentioned branches, acquitted themselves with the highest honor and reflected the greatest credit upon their teachers. We feel to congratulate the Board of Trustees and community at large in having secured the services of so competent and faithful persons. Prof. E. W. Gray, A. B., and Miss M. M. Sacket have had charge of the school the past summer, and having distinguished themselves in their respective departments in such a manner as to secure the hearty approbation of their friends and patrons. In conclusion we cheerfully recommend the institution to the fostering care of the Conference and the continued patronage of the church and the public in general.

D. Worthington

J. McDowell

T. M. Kirkpatrick

Landon Taylor

Hy Clay Deane

Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 23, 1853.

Visitors

Bishop Scott arrived and took the chair.

Tract Report.—The committee on the tract cause reported a constitution of a Conference Auxiliary Tract Society. Report adopted. On motion Bros. Clark, Haines and Dean were appointed to nominate officers for said society.

Report of Western Book Concern.—The report of the book committee at Cincinnati, together with the exhibit from the Western agents, presented and read.

Accounts Referred.—Notes and accounts presented by the agent as follows: Notes against Bros. Kelly, Cowles and Hardy, on motion were granted one year's time. Note and account against J. W. B. Hewitt referred to the Presiding Elder of

Iowa City district. Note against R. Cowles, referred to Presiding Elder Ft. Des Moines district. Note against Bro. Bolander placed in the hands of Bro. S. Clark. Note against Bro. Brunson in hands of Presiding Elder of Upper Iowa district. R. Gilmore's note placed in the hands of the preacher in charge of Yellow Springs circuit. J. Walker's account placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder of Dubuque district. A. Collins' in the hands of the Presiding Elder of Iowa City district.

Moved and seconded that a collection be taken up to pay the book debt of Bro. Jennison, deceased. Carried.

Account of J. G. Whitford referred to Presiding Elder of Upper Iowa district.

Fuller's account referred to the Presiding Elder of Upper Iowa District.

Bro. Swormstedt addressed the Conference on the importance of circulating books and periodicals.

Committee on the Eastern Book Concern reported the following: A. Collins' account referred to the Presiding Elder of Iowa City District. C. P. Fink's to the Presiding Elder of Ft. Des Moines district. M. Reeder's to the Presiding Elder of Iowa City district. J. Walker's to the Presiding Elder of Dubuque district.

Report on Periodicals.—The committee on periodicals reported.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on periodicals report:

We rejoice to believe that the friends of Methodism have now a better supply of pure periodical literature, proffered them by their own press, than any other people on this continent.

The Quarterly Review, edited and conducted by our own profound McClintock, stands, in the estimation of your committee, at the very head of American quarterlies, and should be found on the center tables of all our principal Methodist families. This we ought to say is so far from being the case, that only once in a while do we find one of our members the least acquainted with our quarterly. But, afflictive as is this state of things with the membership, how much more lamentable the fact we feel compelled to announce that this masterly periodical for the Methodist preacher's study is found a companion of but a few of our brethren in the ministry. Dear brethren, allow us to enquire how this comes to pass. Surely the Methodist minister who fails to supply himself with the quarterly visit of this unequalled review has omitted what your committee re-

gard as among the indispensables for the intelligent prosecution of his great mission. This periodical should at once receive the patronage and careful study, from time to time, of every member of this Conference.

The National Magazine is in its infancy; but what an infancy! Giving promise of a manhood more gigantic than has fallen to the lot of any such enterprise among us. The accomplished editor, though immersed in the cares and labors of our great tract interests, is gathering increasing glory around his manly brow, from the superior manner in which he conducts this charming magazine. Come, brethren, to the work afresh,—this most beautiful chaste and elegant work does not yet pay the cost of publication,—this must not be. We must and will, so far as Iowa is concerned, “set it up on high.”

The Ladies Repository,—the product of Western enterprise and genius,—is an old and well-tried friend, and needs no commendation of ours. Allow us to say, simply, that it may not be allowed, with justice, to languish with us, let its interests be regarded by others as they may.

It is to the consideration of our North-Western and Central Advocates that we would ask your special attention. The North-Western has thus far ran a brilliant career and its path, we trust, will “shine more and more”.

The condition of the Central your committee take pleasure in reporting as most cheering. The expense of putting up the job office and publishing the paper will all have been met from the proceeds of the paper, save about \$180 and editor's salary. The circulation is much beyond what could reasonably have been contemplated by the most sanguine under all the circumstances. The necessity and practicability of the publishing of a Methodist paper in St. Louis are now fully settled. We have little doubt of the transfer of the paper to the care of the agents at the close of the current year.

In summing up your committee offer for your adoption the following resolutions:

First—Resolved, That every Methodist preacher in the Iowa Conference should receive and read with care the regular issues of the Quarterly Review.

Second—Resolved, That we will make an effort to introduce the Quarterly Review into our principal families.

Third—Resolved, That the National Magazine is the best and most ably conducted monthly on the continent.

Fourth—Resolved, That we will scatter it among our people like the leaves of autumn.

Fifth—Resolved, That we heartily approve of the editorial course of Dr. Clark of the Ladies' Repository and will continue to labor for its extensive circulation.

Sixth—Resolved, That the editorial course of Bro. Watson (of

the North-Western) meets our grateful approval and that, for the north of our Conference we recommend it to our people as the paper for their patronage in preference to all others.

Seventh—Resolved, That we recommend W. F. Cowles as a member of the publishing committee of the North-Western for the ensuing year.

Eighth—Resolved, That we heartily recommend the Central Advocate to the south of the Conference,—ministers and members.

Ninth—Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of Jos. Brooks as a member of the publishing committee of the Central.

Respectfully submitted.

Jos. Brooks, Chairman.

Report was amended by striking out a resolution urging the agents to receive the Central Advocate. Thus amended report adopted.

Officers of Conference Tract Society.—The committee on nominations of officers of Conference Tract Society report: Vice-presidents, Revs. S. Clark, J. Harris, A. Coleman, L. B. Dennis, Wm. Simpson; corresponding secretary, T. E. Corkhill; recording secretary, G. W. Teas; treasurer, Landon Taylor.

Sunday School Report.—The committee on the Sunday school cause made a final report. On motion adopted.

FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report further:

That, though we have done something in this very important part of our work, and are able to report a small increase over last year, yet much more remains to be done. We now report as follows:—

Conver- sions..	224
S. S. Ad- vocates Taken..	278
Scholars	8815
Collected for S. S. Union..	\$19 06 15 31
Total Expenses	1132.39 260.79
Scholars Inf. Class	1081
Bible Classes.	276
Vol. in Library	24985 6135
Officers and Teachers	1869
Number Sunday Schools	220
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This year Increase	

If the bishop should appoint us a Sunday School Agent your committee would suggest the following resolution. Resolved,

That, we will heartily co-operate with said agent in our several charges. Respectfully submitted. S. HAINES, Chairman.

Admission on Trial.—The case of Bro. John G. Schmidt, an applicant for admission on trial in the Conference, and laid on the table for a few days since, taken up. Admitted. The certificate of ordination being presented and he taking upon him our

ordination vows in the presence of the Conference, his orders as an elder were recognized.

Metropolitan Church Report.—The committee on the Metropolitan church reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

The committee to whom was submitted the memorial, on the subject of the erection of a Metropolitan church at the metropolis of our nation, beg leave to submit the following report:

After examining the recommendation of the Bishops, and action of the General Conference, do highly approve of and cordially agree with our brethern of the Baltimore Conference, in the erection of a Metropolitan church at Washington City, for the accommodation of those visiting or attending to business at the capital of our nation.

Resolved, That we approve of the agent appointed by the Baltimore Conference; and when visited by him, will assist him in bringing the subject fairly before our people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Samuel Clark, Chairman.

The minutes were read and corrected. On motion the Conference took a recess.

Conference resumed business.

Rev. C. Kelly's Death.—Resolutions touching the death of Rev. C. Kelly of the Missouri Conference, presented and adopted, and ordered to be published in the Central Christian Advocate.

RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING DEATH OF REV. C. H. KELLY

Whereas, This Conference learns with deep and heartfelt sorrow the late departure of our beloved brother, Rev. Chas. H. Kelly, of the Missouri Annual Conference of the M. E. church. And the death of this young, amiable, meek and gifted minister of the New Testament was induced by malignant persecution and inhuman treatment, with scarcely a parallel in the history of the west. Torn without authority, or evidence, or even suspicion of crime, from the sacred temple of God, and with pistols and knives in hand, the band of ruffians dragged him from his friends and home, thinly clad, and for twelve hours exposed him to the severe inclemency of the unfriendly winter; by which he contracted disease from which he never recovered. His murderers are at large; but he has gone to the home of the blessed, without a murmur or complaint, or even a vindictive expression against those who despitely used him, he sank to rest and his memory lives amongst his neighbors and his brethern as a monument of the triumph of the cross of Christ. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize in the death of our brother, Rev. C. H. Kelly, the departure of a martyr of truth and principle and religion.

Resolved—Second, That we most heartily deprecate that vestige of the dark ages, the proscription of men's religious rights,—the right to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience,—and the right of religious liberty, untrammelled by law,—which still lingers under the shadow of the tree of liberty.

Swede Missions.—Bro. Reed read a report of an appropriation of money to the Swedish mission.

Resolution Respecting Residence of Bishop Scott.—A resolution cordially inviting Bishop Scott to make his residence within our bounds unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLUTION RESPECTING BISHOP SCOTT'S RESIDENCE.

Resolved, That, in view of our condition, arising from the rapid advancement of our opening country, as well as other causes, we believe it essentially necessary for one of our bishops to reside in the western country. We, therefore, as members of the Iowa Conference, respectfully and earnestly request Bishop Scott, if he can possibly see it consistent with his views of propriety and domestic arrangements, to make his future residence within the bounds of our Conference, so soon as may suit his convenience.

Andrew Coleman,	Moses F. Shinn,
I. I. Stewart,	Henry W. Reed,
O. C. Shelton,	H. C. Dean,
H. N. Wilbur,	D. Worthington,
John Harris,	J. G. Dimmitt.
J. C. Smith,	

Report on Temperance. — Temperance committee reported. Unanimously adopted by a rising vote. (Not among Conference papers.)

Historical Society.—The committee on the historical society reported names of officers for the following year. Report adopted. (Papers missing.)

Report on Preachers' Aid Society.—The committee on the preachers' aid society reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the Preacher's Aid Society, having had the same under consideration, are of the opinion that it would be impracticable to attempt to form such a

society in the Conference at the present time. We stop not to give the reasons which brought us to this conclusion.

Respectfully,

F. H. Carey

I. I. Stewart

On motion it was agreed that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Report on Memoirs.—Committee on memoirs reported. Report adopted, and the sketch of Bro. Jas. McDonald ordered to be published in the Western, North-Western and Central Christian Advocates.

REPORT OF MEMOIRS.

Rev. James McDonald was born Dec. 25, 1823, in the state of Ohio. When quite young his parents removed with him to Henry county, Ind., and in his 13th year moved from that place to Des Moines county, Iowa. He joined the M. E. church some time in May, 1845, during a glorious revival of religion in Ballard's meeting house, Yellow Springs circuit, under the pastoral labors of Rev. Jos. L. Kirkpatrick. In a few days after he joined the church he experienced a change of heart while he was praying in secret; and on the following Sabbath he gave a memorable testimony of the power of God to forgive sins. His piety was afterwards, during the whole of his Christian life, deep and uniform. He was licensed to exhort June 7th, 1847, by Rev. D. Crawford. In the fall of 1847 he went to Greencastle, Ind., to attend the Indiana Asbury University. He had been there a little over a year when he was licensed to preach, and commenced traveling on Prairietown circuit, Indiana Conference, as a supply under the Presiding Elder. At the close of the Conference year he returned to Greencastle and resumed his collegiate course. He remained until July, 1851, when he graduated. In August of that year he was admitted on trial in the Iowa Conference and appointed to Leclaire circuit. At the next Conference he was appointed principal of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute. He filled this post for six months, when he resigned for the purpose of again entering the regular work. He then took charge of the Middletown circuit, where he labored until near the close of the conference year, when he was called from labor to reward. He had several strongly developed qualities of mind and heart. Deep humility, retiring modesty, unaffected diffidence always characterized him. But though unusually timid, there was also in him an ambition and determination which led him to the most determined efforts to excel. In his recitations as a student, and in his labors as a minister, he always aimed at the highest excellence. His close mental application was too severe for his strength and he fell, as his friends fear, a victim to too close

mental application. The last years of his life were characterized by an intense thirst for Biblical and theological knowledge. In this he was making rapid advances when he was summoned to a higher sphere. In his disposition and private character he was amiable in a high degree. No harsh word ever escaped his lips. He was ever the same meek, quiet and devoted Christian. After his conversion he added to a strictly correct deportment deep, fervent piety. In this he was uniform. He moved through life in an even course. His piety was a steady and increasing flame. Death came all unlooked for by himself and friends, but found him ready. While passing through the dark valley Christ was still his solace. He pillowed his dying head on the breast of Jesus and with the words, "All is calm", he sweetly slept in the arms of his Saviour.

On motion adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened, Bishop Scott in the chair. Opening services by Bro. J. Harris. Minutes read and approved.

Sunday School Report.—On motion the Sunday school reports placed in the hands of Sunday school agent for distribution.

Conference Missionary Society.—The committee for the nomination of officers for the Conference missionary society reported. Adopted.

Resolution on Publication.—Resolution for publication of the Conference papers offered and adopted.

Thanks.—A resolution of thanks to the citizens of Oskaloosa and vicinity for entertaining the members of the Conference and visiting friends unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Missionary Certificates.—On motion the managers of the Conference Missionary Society were requested to enquire into the expediency of publishing certificates for the missionary society on the circuits within the bounds of this Conference.

Fast.—On motion the Friday last preceding Christmas was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer pursuant to recommendation by General Conference.

Minutes read and corrected preparatory to final adjournment.

Close of Session.—Religious services lead by Bro. Samuel Clark. Appointments announced by Bishop Scott. On motion adjourned.

LEVI SCOTT.

JOS. BROOKS, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—M. H. HARE, P. E.

Keokuk	Isaac McClaskey
Montrose	F. W. Evans
Farmington	C. Woolsey
Winchester	G. W. Teas, One to be supplied
Keosauqua	Sanford Haines
Birmingham	O. C. Shelton, E. H. Winans
Ottumwa	L. T. Rowely
Eddyville	S. Brooks
Centerville Mission	H. Gibson, One to be supplied
Drakeville Mission	B. Holland
Bloomfield	D. Dickinson
Chillicothe	W. C. Shippen
Troy	I. P. Teeter
Pittsburg	F. H. Carey, One to be supplied

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—D. WORTHINGTON, P. E.

Burlington	L. Taylor
South Burlington Mission	Wm. F. Cowles
Ft. Madison	Wm. Simpson
West Point	Samuel Clark
Salem Mission	J. Q. Hammond
Fairfield	L. B. Dennis
Locust Grove	Thomas Dixon
Brighton	J. B. Hiles
Glasgow	H. N. Wilbur
Mt. Pleasant	J. McDowell, J. G. Thompson
New London	T. M. Kirkpatrick
Middletown	John Guylee
Yellow Spring	M. See, One to be supplied
Mission to the Swedes	J. G. Schmidt

I. I. Stewart, Agent for Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, and member of Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference. J. Brooks Scholarship Agent for the Northwestern University and member of Burlington Quarterly Conference. H. C. Dean, Tract Agent, and member of West Point Quarterly Conference. D. N. Smith, Sunday School Agent, and member of Fairfield Quarterly Conference.

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—J. G. DIMMITT, P. E.

Dubuque.....	T. E. Corkhill
Davenport.....	A. J. Kynett
Leclaire.....	J. C. Smith
Dewitt Mission.....	G. Larkins
Sabula Mission.....	Asa Critchfield
Maquoketa and Forks.....	A. C. McDonald, R. Mulholland
Andrew Mission.....	M. Hixson
Bellevue Mission.....	G. H. Clark
Anamosa Mission.....	A. Carey
Canton Mission.....	F. Amos
Spring Rock Mission.....	H. Wharton

UPPER IOWA DISTRICT—H. W. REED, P. E.

Rockdale.....	A. Wright
Dubuque Circuit.....	J. L. Kelly, One to be supplied
Colesburg and Buena Vista.....	J. R. Cameron, G. Hillman
Garnavillo.....	A. Bishop
Lansing Mission.....	L. S. Ashbaugh, One to be supplied
Elkader Mission.....	To be supplied
Independence Mission.....	W. N. Brown
West Union Mission.....	Isaac Newton
Delhi Mission.....	George Clifford
Cascade.....	D. N. Holmes
Norwegian Mission.....	To be supplied

MT. VERNON DISTRICT—ANDREW COLEMAN, P. E.

Mt. Vernon.....	J. B. Taylor
Tipton.....	J. T. Coleman
Hebron.....	Ira Blackford
Marion Mission.....	Rufus Ricker
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	E. Skinner
Upper Cedar Mission.....	One to be supplied, Wm. Gough
Otter Creek Mission.....	A. B. McElfresh
Vinton Mission.....	H. J. Burley
Marengo Mission.....	To be supplied
Marshall Mission.....	To be supplied
Tama Mission.....	D. H. Petefish

G. B. Bowman, Agent for Mt. Vernon Seminary, and member of Mt. Vernon Quartely Conference.

IOWA CITY DISTRICT.—A. YOUNG, P. E.

Iowa City.....	E. W. Twining
West Liberty Mission.....	L. C. Woodford
Grandview Mission.....	W. R. Blake
Muscatine.....	J. H. White
Muscatine Circuit.....	H. Taylor
Fairport.....	C. P. Reynolds
Richmond Mission.....	L. W. Petit
Washington.....	J. B. Hardy
Crawfordsville.....	E. Lathrop, A. B. Kendig
Sigourney Mission.....	J. Orr
Montezuma Mission.....	J. Hestwood

FORT DES MOINES DISTRICT—JOHN HAYDEN, P. E.

Ft. Des Moines.....	W. Butt
Boone.....	E. Wood
Adel Mission.....	Joel Mason
Winterset Mission.....	R. Swearengen
Indianola.....	Elias L. Briggs
Knoxville.....	John Jay
Albia.....	A. W. Johnston
Chariton and Decatur Mission.....	J. Darrah, One to be supplied
Oskaloosa.....	J. Harris
Mashaska.....	Jesse Sherwood
Newton Mission.....	Jno. Parker
Monroe.....	To be supplied

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT—M. F. SHINN, P. E.

Council Bluffs Mission.....	M. F. Shinn
Harris Grove Mission.....	Wm. P. Mann
Glenwood Mission.....	Wm. Armstrong
Sidney Mission.....	S. Farlow
Page and Taylor Mission.....	To be supplied
Cass.....	To be supplied

Ole E. Peterson, missionary to Norway. John W. Reger, transferred to West Virginia Conference.

Sunday School Statistics

The detailed report for 1853 is missing. The aggregate report is given in the report of the committee on Sunday Schools for that year, as follows:

	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Total Expenses	Raised for benevol't purposes	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken	Conver- sions
This year.....	220	1869	8815	24985	276	1081	1132.39	\$19 06	1106	224
Last year.....	181	1608	8714	18150	132	1022	871.60	10 10	738	174
Increase	39	261	101	6835	144	59	260.79	8 96	368	50

Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Preach's	Churches	Parson-ages	Raised for Missions	For tracts	Raised for S. Sch. Un	Raised for Bible Cause
DES MOINES DISTRICT										
Keokuk	190	10		2	1		\$10 00	\$	\$ 3 00	\$
Montrose	189	13		4	4		1 20			
Farmington	61	34		2	1		4 80			
Keosauqua	454	31		1	1		4 75			31 85
Pittsburg	311	27	1	2	2		35 45			
Bloomfield	159	231		7	3	1	22 55			
Centerville	290	56		6	1	1	1 00			
Eddyville	320			6	2	1	8 55			
Chillicothe	213	45		2	1	1	25 00			
Ottumwa	289	66		1	1					
Winchester	305	29		5	1	1	17 15		1 00	15 00
Birmingham	450	169		5	4	1	42 00		3 00	
Total	3231	711	1	43	21	6	169 45		\$ 7 00	\$46 85
BURLINGTON DISTRICT										
Burlington	260	25			1	2	\$30 00	1 25	\$ 1 50	\$50 00
Fort Madison	142	3	1	1	1		4 71			
West Point	116	11		1	1	1				
Salem	213	6	4	2	1		7 00			
Fairfield	250	16		2	2	1	52 05			24 25
Locust Grove	275	14		5	2	1				
Brighton	328	60		4	2	1	15 55			18 00
Mt. Pleasant	362	30		9	3	1	14 75			
New London	350	15		4	2	1	63 48			20 00
Middletown	206	21	1		2	1	1 00			
Yellow Springs	289	51		1	2	1	115 00			
Crawfordsville	421	92		5	2	1	38 45			
Total	3212	344	6	34	20	10	340 99	1 25	\$ 1 50	\$62 25
DUBUQUE DISTRICT										
Dubuque	215	26	3	1	2		\$43 50	\$	\$	\$
Rockdale	126	15		2	2		15 00			
Bellevue	62	9		1			3 25			
Andrew	148	37		2	1					
Maquoketa	194	60		1	2		7 75	2 00		
Sabula	132	26		4	1	1	5 00			
De Witt	127	21			1		6 25			
Davenport	146	25		3	1		32 51			30 00
Le Claire	107	24		1	1	1	41 27			23 00
Spring Rock	71	16		2		1	2 50			
Fairport	159	27		2	3					
Muscatine	154	20		2	1		15 15			
Total	1641	306	3	21	15	3	172 27	2 00		68 00
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT										
Kanesville	70	13		3			\$10 00			
Sidney	280	33		9			2 25			
Page and Taylor	80									
Total	358	40		12			12 25			
UPPER IOWA DISTRICT										
Dubuque Circuit	222	50		4	4		\$53 00	\$	\$ 7 80	\$79 45
Cascade	78	26		3	1	1	1 00			
Canton	100	35		5		1	2 50			
Anamosa	118	18		1						
Mt. Vernon	305	36		6	1	1	43 25			1 00
Marion	122				1		31 30			
Independence	86	11		2	1	1				
Delhi	40	20			2					
Colesburg	214	18		3						
West Union	100	9		2	1		8 15		1 00	
Elkader	53	22		2					25	
Garnavillo	108	12		1	1					
Lansing	109	30		1			6 70			
Norwegian Mission	25	5								
Total	1680	295		32	10	4	105 90		\$ 9 05	\$80 45

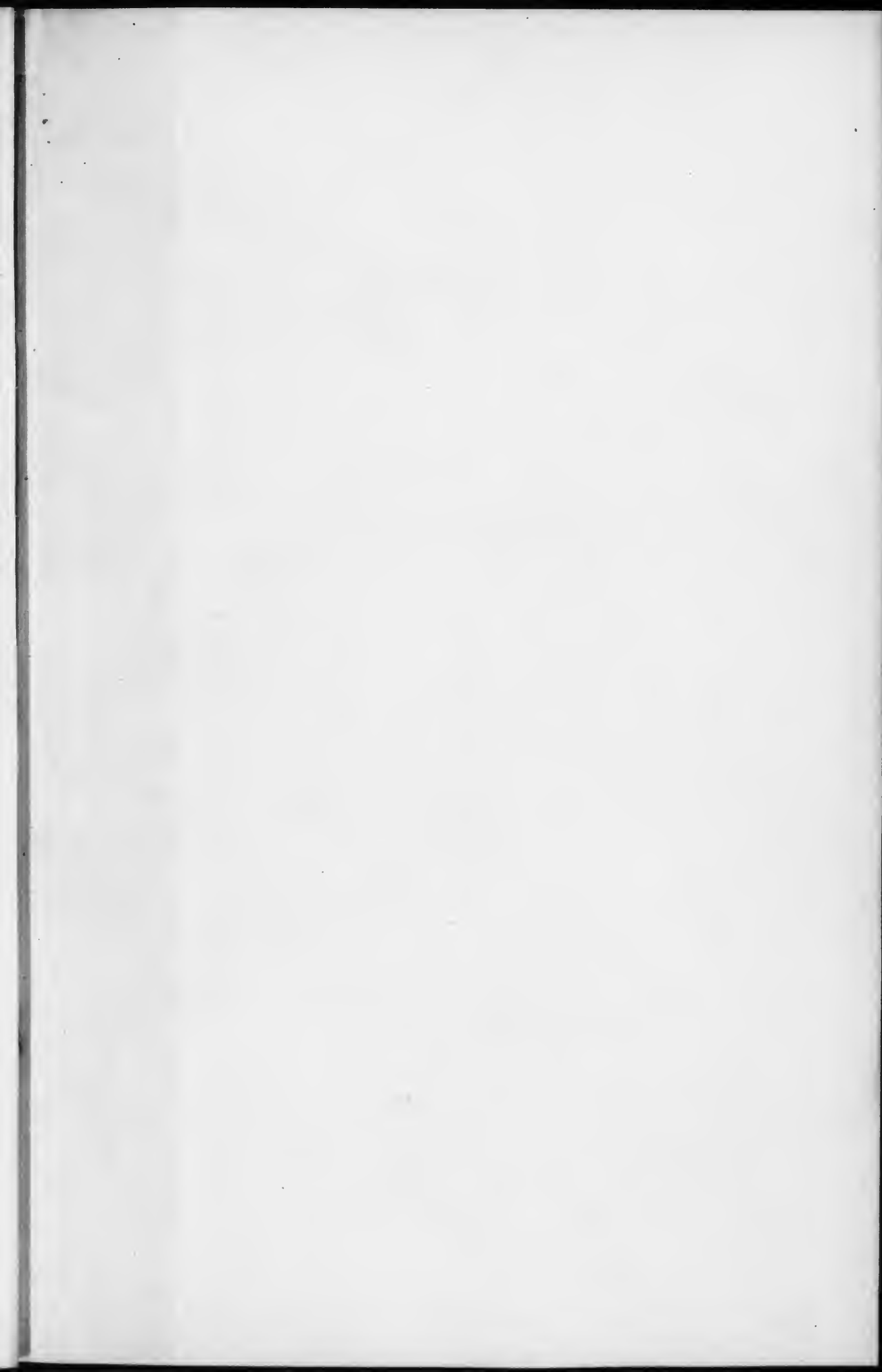
Church Statistics

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Probationers	Colored	Local Preachers	Churches	Parsonages	Raised for Missions	For tracts	Raised for S. Sch. Un	Raised for Bible Cause	Raised for
IOWA CITY DISTRICT.											
Iowa City Mission.....	143	60	---	1	1	1	\$12 00	\$--	\$--	\$--	
West Liberty.....	137	20	---	1	1	1	23 95	---	---	---	
Washington.....	150	8	---	2	1	1	30 00	---	---	---	
Sigourney.....	166	26	---	4	1	---	15 75	---	---	---	29 00
Montezuma.....	134	36	---	3	---	1	7 45	---	---	---	
Marengo.....	150	25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Marshall.....	55	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Cedar Rapids.....	112	42	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Otter Creek.....	80	41	---	---	---	---	8 60	---	---	---	
Big Woods.....	127	55	---	4	---	1	8 00	---	---	---	
Tipton.....	246	15	---	1	1	1	53 50	---	---	---	20 00
Grandview.....	156	12	2	4	1	1	---	---	---	---	
Wassonville.....	105	40	---	2	1	1	13 00	---	---	---	
Total.....	1761	380	2	24	7	8	172 05	---	---	---	\$49 00
FT. DES MOINES DISTRICT.											
Fort Des Moines.....	103	11	2	2	1	---	\$ 2 00	\$--	\$--	\$13 25	
Newton.....	145	56	---	4	---	---	2 65	---	---	---	
Boone.....	108	---	---	---	---	---	4 00	---	---	---	
Adel.....	106	51	---	1	---	---	2 00	---	---	---	
Winterset.....	138	---	---	3	---	---	4 00	---	---	---	
Indianola.....	305	32	1	5	---	---	13 80	---	---	---	18 00
Knoxville.....	250	75	5	2	---	1	5 00	---	---	---	
Chariton.....	258	10	---	5	---	1	5 00	---	---	---	
Albia.....	164	79	---	3	2	1	8 50	---	---	---	10 00
Oskaloosa.....	139	9	---	5	1	1	8 79	---	---	---	
Monroe.....	178	33	---	2	---	---	6 85	---	---	---	
Mahaska.....	148	19	---	2	---	---	7 20	---	---	---	
Total.....	2045	395	8	34	5	4	\$72 79	\$--	---	---	\$41 25
RECAPITULATION.											
Des Moines District.....	2231	711	1	43	21	6	169 45	\$--	\$ 7 00	\$46 85	
Burlington District.....	3212	344	6	34	20	10	340 99	1 25	1 50	62 25	
Dubuque District.....	1641	306	3	21	15	3	172 27	2 00	---	68 00	
Council Bluffs District.....	358	40	---	12	---	---	12 25	---	---	---	
Upper Iowa District.....	1680	295	---	32	10	4	105 90	---	9 05	80 45	
Iowa City District.....	1761	380	2	24	7	8	172 05	---	---	49 00	
Ft. Des Moines District.....	2045	395	8	34	5	4	72 79	---	---	41 25	
Grand total this year.....	13928	2471	20	200	78	35	1045.70	3 25	\$17 55	347 80	
Total last year.....	11828	2174	24	166	67	31	727 09	\$14	10 40	402 10	
Increase.....	2100	297	---	34	11	4	318 61	---	\$ 7 16	\$--	
Decrease.....	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	1075	---	54 50	

Whole number of members this year, 13,928; number of probationers, 2,471; number of colored members, 20; number of local preachers, 200; aggregate, 16,619. Aggregate last year, 14,192; aggregate increase, 2,427.









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